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Students craft Christmas cheer

Hot commodities.
People can't get enough of Point Grey high schoolers' hand-made creations

Two Vancouver high school students have turned their classroom into Santa's workshop, becoming in-demand artists and challenging perceptions about people with autism in the process.

Ysmael Marquez and Scott McIntyre, both with autism, have become budding stars in the craft world after selling hundreds of hand-made figurines, ornaments and earrings at school, in their Point Grey community, and at art fairs in West Vancouver and Granville Island over the past two years.

Their intricate recreations of pop-culture icons, such as characters from Disney's Frozen, Power Rangers, Ninja Turtles and The Beatles, have become such a hit that their life-skills teacher Lisa Cesario says they've been able to sell out inventory at trade shows, raise more than $1,000 for the school's annual toy drive and, in McIntyre's case, spawn a family business with a three-year contract with Circle Craft.

Point Grey Secondary School students Ysmael Marquez and Scott McIntyre, both with autism, have seen their hand-made figurines, ornaments and jewelry turn into hot commodities at craft markets all over Vancouver. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

"I think it brings a lot of happiness to see their talent and how creative they are," said Cesario. "And then (Marquez and McIntyre) know children will be getting their work for Christmas and that brings them a lot of happiness, too."

Marquez is currently in Grade 11 and teachers at Point Grey have known about his talent creating clay figurines for several years.

He said his favourite creations are the Power Rangers and the Jackson 5.

McIntyre joined Point Grey Secondary School a couple years ago and brought his clay figurines to his entrance interview.

His favourite creation is Olaf, the snowman from Frozen.

"These boys could have went to any school. The fact that they both came to this class with the same talent is just amazing," said Cesario. "So a light bulb went off in my head, that we should be making a business for these guys because they are so talented. The goal is that this becomes something that's profitable in their adulthood and is something they continue to sell for many years to come."

The duo's work has become so popular at school that they're recognized in the hallways and take special requests from staff and students.

On Thursday, McIntyre was making a custom Princess Leia ornament so a member of the school's staff could complete the entire Star Wars set before this year's final batch is distributed.

"The students, the school and teachers have really embraced it," said Cesario. "Right now it incorporates all of their educational goals, social skills and work-experience skills."

And they have a good time doing it, too.

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Transit.
Province approves referendum question

The provincial government has given final approval to a regional transit referendum question and has promised to mail out ballots to voters starting March of next year.

Transportation Minister Todd Stone announced his approval Thursday, while slightly altering the question originally proposed by the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation.

The final ballot will ask: "Do you support a new 0.5% Metro Vancouver Congestion Improvement Tax, to be dedicated to the Mayors' Transportation and Transit Plan?"

Metro Vancouver mayors had proposed a 0.5 per cent increase to the Provincial Sales Tax, but Stone said the regional sales tax needed to be "separate and distinct" from the PST.

If approved, the Metro Vancouver Congestion Improvement Tax would be applied to the majority of goods and services that are subject to the PST and are sold or delivered within the region.

In his letters to the council, Stone (who said government would not campaign for either a "Yes" or "No" vote) wrote he looks "forward to a positive outcome that will benefit the residents of Metro Vancouver and the economy of B.C.

Ballots will be sent out beginning March 16, 2015, with the voting period extending until May 29, 2015.

The vote needs 50 per cent, plus one, to pass.

"The Minister's approval today clears the way for a spring referendum on our plan to cut congestion by improving major roads and existing transit routes, and creating new bus and rapid transit services throughout the region," said North Vancouver District Mayor Richard Walton, chairman of the Mayors' Council, in a statement. "This is a significant milestone in our proposal to keep this region moving as we accommodate a million more people in the next 30 years. We simply can't afford to do nothing."

The mayors believe a regional sales tax would generate $250 million annually, to fund its share of a 10-year, $7.5-billion proposed transit plan that includes a subway along Broadway in Vancouver, light rapid transit lines in Surrey, a new Pattullo Bridge and expanded bus service throughout the region.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Street Store offers a lot to the needy

Downtown Eastside.
Pop-up 'shop' to give less fortunate no-cost items in a dignified, retail-like setting

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Christina Wong, who will be studying at Simon Fraser University in January, is setting up a Street Store on the Downtown Eastside on Sunday. A Street Store is a pop-up store that provides free clothing to homeless people in a retail setting. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

As Vancouverites rush to finish their Christmas shopping Sunday, an empty lot on the Downtown Eastside will be transformed into a pop-up clothing store.

But unlike those hunting for holiday bargains on Robson Street, visitors to this shop won't have to spend a cent.

Christina Wong, along with two dozen volunteers, are setting up the Street Store, a one-day pop-up shop at 62 East Hastings Street that will allow those less fortunate to "shop" for gently-used clothing, shoes and accessories in a dignified way.

"I wanted to set up a Street Store to allow the homeless to have their own shopping experience, so they can shop for what they actually need," Wong told Metro. "It's a retail setting so they feel like they're being helped in a store."

Born on the streets of Cape Town, South Africa, the Street Store has grown into an global movement that bills itself as the world's first rent-free, premises-free, free pop-up clothing store.

Street Stores have previously popped up in Vancouver in April and November this year.

The concept is simple: volunteers collect donated clothing and supplies and offer it to people in need in a setting similar to a retail shop. Clothing and shoes are organized by size, with volunteers working as "personal shoppers" available to help.

After seeing the Street Store concept on a friend's Facebook page, Wong, a student at Simon Fraser University, said she knew she wanted to join the movement.

She decided to tie the event to her birthday, taking place Dec. 23. Instead of receiving gifts this year, the 21-year-old said she wanted to rather give back to those less fortunate.

"I felt like I wanted to do something different and meaningful," said Wong. "We are so privileged, the majority of us, and if we have so much, why not give?"

Wong said she hopes Sunday's event helps break down misconceptions that homeless people are "lazy" or "unmotivated."

"We don't know their story, so I feel like we're not one to judge them," she said.

Since she started organizing the event a week ago, Wong said the community response has been overwhelming.

She has already received more than 1,000 items of clothing, shoes and accessories. Visitors to the pop-up shop will be able to choose five free items per person.

Wong said she hopes the event inspires others to do their part giving back to those less fortunate.

"It doesn't have to be a Street Store," she said. "An act of kindness can go a long way."

Those interested in donating to The Street Store are encouraged to drop off any unwanted clothing, shoes and accessories at the pop-up shop.

The shop will be open at 62 East Hastings St. between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m on Sunday.

Clark shuffles Virk to new position

Premier Christy Clark has shuffled her cabinet, moving Amrik Virk out of his advanced education portfolio on the same day an updated report revealed that the minister was fully knowledgeable about a compensation package that broke government guidelines.

The premier's office said Thursday that Virk was swapped into leading the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services, replacing Andrew Wilkinson who will take up the Advanced Education post.

The Opposition New Democrats quickly asserted Virk should be "fired, not shuffled," a month after their members brought emails to the legislature's attention that document Virk's role and prompted a second review.

"Mr. Virk, in my opinion, was completely dishonest about the level of his involvement in this scheme," said NDP critic David Eby, who was leaked two packages of documents illustrating Virk's involvement. "He misled the house and then he misled an investigator assigned by his own government.... That's totally unacceptable conduct."

In a report released in June, deputy minister Rob Mingay found that Virk was vice-chairman of the school's board when it failed to meet government disclosure requirements around compensation for two senior executives. Virk stood up in the house and denied knowing about the rules.

But then last month, Eby presented new emails to the legislature that appeared to show Virk clearly knew about a plan to top up the salary of former Kwantlen vice-president Anne Lavack.

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Trinity Western to take Law Society to court

Legal issue. University says the human rights of its students are being infringed upon

Trinity Western University (TWU) will take legal action against the Law Society of British Columbia for reversing its approval of its proposed law school.

The Law Society rescinded its prior approval of the faith-based university's school of law on Oct. 31 after its members voted against recognizing the credentials of future graduates.

Last week, the provincial government followed in the law society's footsteps and also reversed its decision to approve the school of law.

"We have no choice but to proceed legally," said TWU president Bob Kuhn in a statement. "By prejudging our future law graduates, not on their qualifications but the Community Covenant they agree to abide by while students at TWU, the Law Society has infringed on the human right of TWU and its students."

The Community Covenant is a document signed by all TWU students, affirming they believe sexual intimacy belongs within the bounds of traditional marriage between a man and a woman.

That covenant has been a heated source of opposition from many organizations and individuals, specifically gay-rights advocates.

The proposed law school — slated to open in 2016 — had previously received approval from both the Federation of Law Societies of Canada and the province of British Columbia to operate, but the provincial approval has now been rescinded.

Law societies in New Brunswick, Alberta and Saskatchewan have voted to accredit the school, while those in Ontario and Nova Scotia have voted against recognizing it. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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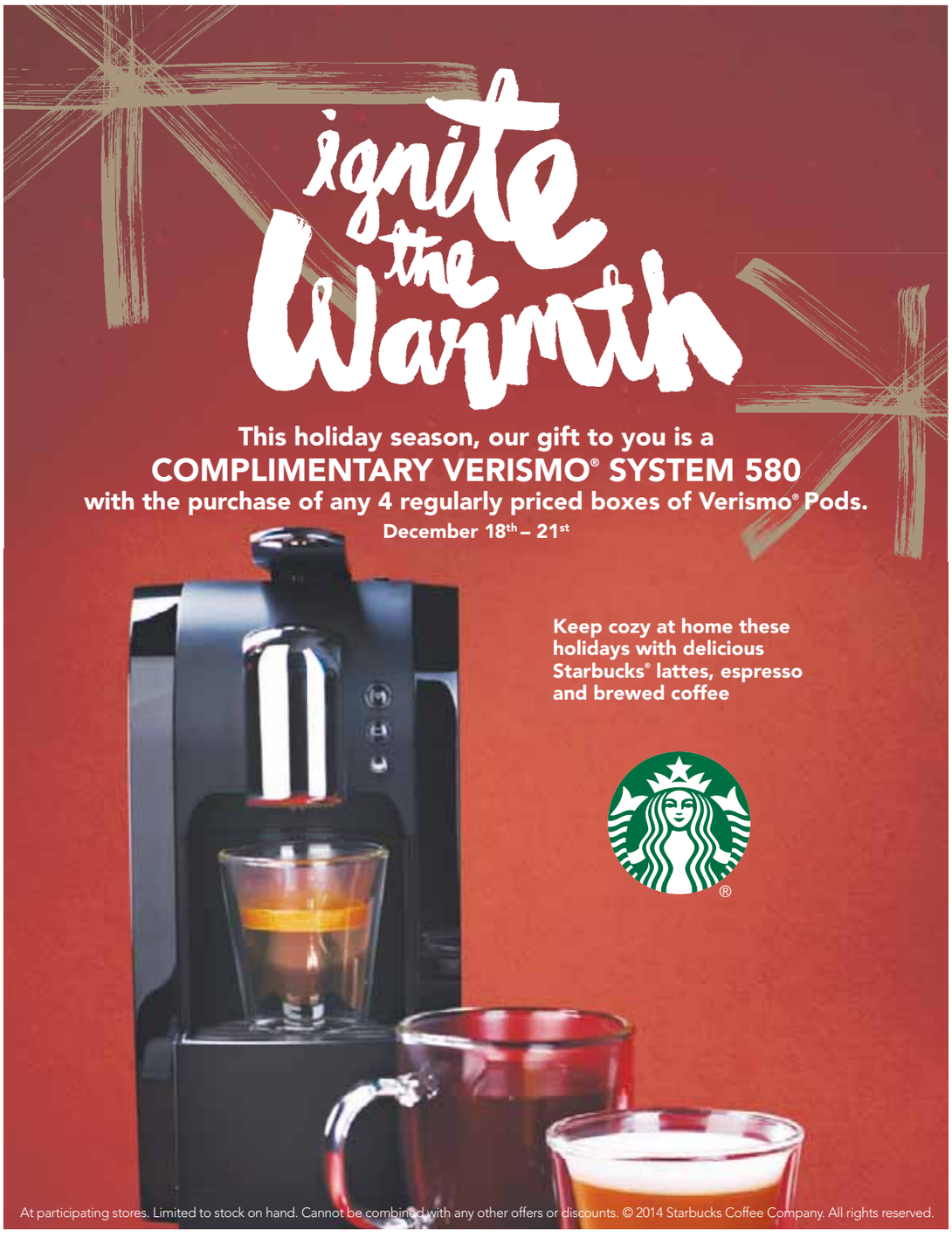
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Word of caution

Rash of purse snatchings prompts police warning

A spike in purse snatchings in downtown Vancouver has police warning people to be aware of their surroundings.

Between Oct. 30 and Dec. 12, police received reports of seven robberies and two attempted robberies of purses, said Const. Brian Montague of Vancouver police.

In most of the cases, a man approached the victim from behind, grabbed her purse and fled on a dark-coloured bicycle.

THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Comox Valley. Suspect arrested in hit-and-run that claimed life of father

A Comox Valley man was arrested Wednesday night in connection with a hit-and-run that claimed the life of a popular teacher, husband and father of two.

Mounties arrested a 55-year-old man at a Comox Valley home around 8 p.m. after receiving a tip from the public. Officers also seized a 2003 Ford F350 truck that was found on the property.

The suspect faces charges of failing to remain at the scene of an accident. He appeared in Courtenay Provincial Court on Thursday.

Police have not identified him as he has not been formally charged.

Paul Bally, 48, who lived in Fanny Bay with his wife Evelyn and two young children, was killed in a hit-and-run collision on Highway 19A near Curran Road while cycling Monday night.

Evelyn found her husband in a ditch on the side of the highway around 11:30 p.m. after reporting him missing to police when he failed to return from his bike ride.

A volunteer firefighter and longtime teacher at Lake Trail Middle School, Bally's death has left the Comox Valley community reeling.

An online crowdfunding campaign has been set up by a friend to support Bally's wife and children.

Insp. Tim Watson of Comox Valley RCMP thanked the public for helping with the investigation.

"Our team remains committed to completing a thorough investigation of all the circumstances surrounding this collision, bringing much-needed answers to Paul's grieving family," he said in a statement.

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Fanny Bay husband and father Paul Bally was killed in a hit-and-run while cycling Monday night. GOFUNDME.COM

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Vancouver woman prepares to row solo across Atlantic

5,500 km journey. Brenda Robbins is rowing to raise awareness for blood donations

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A Vancouver woman is preparing to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean in a bid to raise awareness for blood donation.

Brenda Robbins will be rowing more than 5,500 kilometres unassisted, from the Canary Islands to Antigua next December, as part of the 2015 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, considered the "world's toughest rowing race."

Although she has only rowed for about a year, Robbins said she felt a calling to sign up for the race after seeing a friend take on a similar challenge across the Pacific Ocean.

"It seems very crazy to begin with," Robbins told Metro, "but I just became obsessed."

Robbins said she immediately knew she wanted to use the endeavour to help raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, a cause close to her heart.

A year ago, she said, her father was diagnosed with acute leukemia. Terminally ill, he requires weekly six-hour blood transfusions to keep him alive, she said.

"It's vital," said Robbins. "Doctors gave him a limited time frame to live and he's pretty much reached that point of what they said."

Since she started telling friends and family about her upcoming journey, Robbins said reactions have been mixed.

The solo trek will see Robbins take on a torrent of potential challenges, from severe storms to strong ocean currents, seasickness and even Somali pirates.

"A lot of people are very excited about it, but family especially, they're concerned," she said. "Because it's not a very well known thing to do, there's a lot of fear immediately that it's an extremely dangerous and life-threatening thing, which it can be."

Depending on the weather, the journey is expected to take about 90 days, she said.

Although there are risks involved, Robbins said there are also many safety precautions in place.

"The boats that they make, they make them for the ocean," she said. "They almost never sink."

Since signing up, Robbins said she has been reaching out to others who have successfully completed the race for suggestions on how to prepare.

Their advice? "Just go with the flow," said Robbins. "The conditions are going to change constantly and it's never going to be ideal. You just have to accept it because the ocean isn't going to change for you."

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"You just have to accept it because the ocean isn't going to change for you." Brenda Robbins

Brenda Robbins of Vancouver is preparing to push herself to the limit next December when she rows solo across the Atlantic Ocean in a bid to raise awareness for blood donation. COURTESY GRAHAM SPENCE

While no amount of practice will fully prepare her for the challenge, Robbins said she is rowing on open water as often as she can, and taking kickboxing and yoga classes to build physical endurance and flexibility.

Robbins believes her experience working as a high-rise window cleaner could also help.

"You can't mimic it," she said. "You have to just get your body in as healthy and fit place as you can."

With a year to go until she launches, Robbins is now actively searching for sponsors to help fund her participation in the race, including the cost of the boat and entry fee, which is expected to be about $170,000.

Robbins started a crowdfunding campaign to try to raise $20,000, but she is also looking for companies interested in sponsoring her and the cause.

"It's a great opportunity for businesses to get on board," she said.

City plans for free public Wi-Fi in 46 spots

Granville Street's downtown shopping strip is slated for Wi-Fi hotspots. EMILY JACKSON/METRO FILE

Vancouverites could get access to free public Wi-Fi at 46 spots around the city as early as spring 2015.

The city has put out a request for applications to build a Wi-Fi network at community centres, theatres, outdoor pools, public golf courses and civic marinas. It also intends to place hotspots on Granville Street's busy downtown shopping strip and at Canada Place.

"This is a really, really great thing for Vancouver as we try to become a more digital city," said Jessie Adcock, the city's chief digital officer. "It's really important to have places where everyone can access the Internet."

While free Wi-Fi was a hot topic in the 2014 election campaign, Adcock has been working behind the scenes to develop a public Wi-Fi system since the city implemented its digital strategy in 2013.

She's looking for ways to get the infrastructure at little to no cost to the city. Surrey has done just that by entering a partnership with Shaw, which provides hotspots in return for the ability to collect email addresses and market to residents.

Companies have until the end of January to propose a Wi-Fi system to the city. Depending on what vendors propose, Adcock anticipates residents will be surfing on free public Wi-Fi by springtime. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Reports call for crime-fighting boss, job training for inmates

British Columbia needs to appoint a crime-fighting boss who can cut through provincial, municipal and social bureaucracies to build unified crime-prevention teams, say government reports released Thursday.

Two reports by Liberal MLAs Darryl Plecas and Laurie Throness focus on preventing crime in communities and keeping inmates from returning to jail.

The Plecas report makes six recommendations, stating that the clearest message from 14 roundtable meetings and input from 600 people calls for improved collaboration and co-ordination on crime prevention programs across B.C.

"While many presenters were proud of the results they saw in their communities, there was frequent mention of disjointed approaches, fragmented interventions, and the propensity of many professionals to work in 'silos' isolated from each other," the report said. Plecas urged the government to appoint "a senior crime reduction leader to improve interagency collaboration across the wide range of crime reduction activities in B.C."

A Justice Ministry statement said the government will consider a pilot project to test that recommendation.

Justice Minister Suzanne Anton said in a statement that the government is already following through on many of the recommendations.

She said the province "will consider and act upon additional initiatives, in the context of available funding, to make British Columbia's streets and correctional facilities even safer."

Plecas, who is a criminologist, was appointed in September 2013 to convene a panel of experts to find ways to drive down B.C.'s crime rate. He recommended more focus on reducing crime by repeat offenders, expanding services for addicted and mentally ill inmates and increasing the use of restorative justice.

In another report on B.C.'s corrections system, Throness said the province should expand job training for offenders so they can be employed as they transition back into society. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Uber remains tight-lipped on launch date

Amid backlash.
Ride service expresses hope of operating in B.C. 'someday soon'

Uber gushed about its rollout in Edmonton on Thursday, but the ride service remained tight-lipped about its plans to hit Vancouver's streets.

The company, which connects drivers to passengers using a smartphone app, was quick to publicize its first free rides and Goodwill donation pickups in Edmonton. Yet it would not elaborate on whether it plans to launch in Vancouver over the holiday season.

"We can't offer anything specific about timelines but we certainly miss operating in Vancouver and hope to be back in BC some day soon," the company's spokesman, Xavier Van Chu, said in an email.

Amid mounting backlash from municipal governments and taxi associations across Canada, Uber has been posting job advertisements for drivers and marketing roles in Vancouver for several months.

Company representatives attended a council meeting this fall to try to convince the city to welcome it with open arms, but council ultimately decided to conduct a six-month review of taxi-like options.

"Uber does want to grow and there is interest coming from all parts of Canada," Chu wrote. "We will continue to assess supply and demand in markets across the country and work with regulators collaboratively to find common sense solutions to provide transportation alternatives like Uber."

The taxi industry accuses Uber of operating an unsafe business and skirting local and provincial regulations.

Advocates like Uber because it expands transportation options, it's easy to use and the payments are organized through the app so they don't have to fuss about payments in the car. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

A taxi drives down Granville Street in Vancouver. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

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Canreal. COPE returns part of 'developer' donation

COPE candidates resorted to fundraising to repay part of a campaign donation the party deemed inappropriate after the election.

Council candidate Gayle Gavin was determined to raise money to repay Canreal, a commercial property manager, and its president for the $12,500 in donations made to COPE since the party ran on a platform of refusing developer donations.

Despite Canreal president Ray Bergen stating his company is not a developer, Gavin felt the money turned her into an "unwitting liar" for saying COPE didn't accept developer money, according to a letter Gavin sent to media.

She delivered a $3,000 cheque to the company's office on Wednesday to rectify the mistake.
EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Fallout

COPE's executive voted to return the money on Nov. 23, but had already spent it and didn't have any cash to repay it immediately.

- Party members were distressed when COPE's financial agent revealed the so-called developer donations — and the party's financial problems — at a party meeting on Sunday. COPE apologized for the donations on Tuesday and one of its campaign managers resigned over the issue on Wednesday.

Letter

"I don't know whether the members of the campaign committee took developer money through dishonesty or through carelessness, but I do know that they have undermined voters' faith in the electoral process, damaged COPE's reputation and thereby hurt the people who need our political representation." COPE council candidate Gayle Gavin in a letter she sent to media

Driver sought

Police identify elderly woman killed in Main Street hit-and-run

Vancouver police have identified the elderly woman killed in a hit-and-run on Main Street and Cordova last week.

Const. Brian Montague, spokesman for Vancouver police, said officers have spoken to the family of the 73-year-old grandmother who was fatally struck as she crossed the street just a few blocks from her home Dec. 10.

Investigators are still trying to identify the driver involved in the collision.

Montague said the vehicle is believed to be a dark grey-coloured four-door Honda Civic manufactured between 2009 and 2011.

The vehicle is believed to have damage to its hood and front end toward the passenger side, he said.

Montague said the driver is most likely trying to hide the damage. Anyone who knows someone who owns a car like this and is now hiding the vehicle in a garage or under a tarp is asked to contact police.
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Burnaby asks board to bill Kinder Morgan

Restorative work. City asks National Energy Board to bill pipeline company for policing, environmental cleanup costs

A Vancouver-area city is asking the National Energy Board to hand Kinder Morgan a bill that could be worth more than $2 million for policing and cleanup costs after pipeline work was targeted by protesters last month.

Environmental activists set up a makeshift encampment in a conservation area on Burnaby Mountain, east of Vancouver, in an attempt to block crews from conducting drilling and survey work related to its proposal to expand the Trans Mountain pipeline.

The company obtained a court injunction ordering protesters to clear two drilling sites. Dozens of officers with the RCMP and other police agencies were on the scene for over a week, arresting more than 100 people by the time the work was finished.

The city wrote the National Energy Board a letter earlier this month, indicating it plans to seek an order from the board forcing Kinder Morgan to pay for the entire police bill — which it estimates to be between $1 million and $2 million — as well as any restorative conservation work to the area.

The letter says the company was required by the energy board to do "as little damage as possible" during its work. The city, however, says there was extensive damage that went "well beyond" what the company had initially promised.

The company submitted its own response to the board, saying it is prepared to pay for cleanup and remediation work while suggesting police costs are the responsibility of the city. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bridget DePape is taken into custody on Burnaby Mountain.
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Kamloops. New charges laid in Mountie shooting

Two new charges have been laid against a man accused of shooting a Mountie in Kamloops, B.C., during a traffic stop.

When 36-year-old Kenneth Knutson appeared in court for a bail hearing on Thursday he learned he now faces six charges.

The new counts are for aggravated assault and possession of a firearm contrary to order in the Dec. 3 shooting of Cpl. Jean Michaud, who is still in hospital recovering from critical injuries.

Crown spokesman Neil MacKenzie says Knutson was initially charged with a variety of offences related to the alleged use of a firearm along with an attempted-murder charge.

MacKenzie says the added allegations are that a restricted or prohibited firearm was used, and the aggravating factor can involve an increase in mandatory minimum sentences.

Knutson's bail hearing has now been scheduled for Jan. 15 because he does not yet have a lawyer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mount Polley

Inspector allows mine repairs

British Columbia's chief inspector of mines is allowing the owner of the Mount Polley mine to start repairs on the tailings pond that breached, sending a surge of mine waste and water into nearby lakes and rivers.

The Ministry of Energy and Mines says the approval only allows the company to fix the breach and doesn't allow Imperial Metals Corp to restart its operation.

The government says the repair work will ensure the increased water flow from melting snow this spring won't result in further environmental or human-health impacts.

When the dam burst on the August long weekend, 24 million cubic metres of mine waste and water gushed into nearby waterways, forcing local residents to bring in their water.

The mine's owner is responsible for the entire cost of the cleanup effort, the environmental remediation and the site restoration, which the public heard last month will likely take years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Infected email servers

B.C. government hit with virus

A computer virus has forced the British Columbia government to shut down its email system, cutting off the information flow for much of the day.

A statement from the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services says a computer virus caused by a malicious file attachment infected the government's email servers Thursday morning.

Ministry information officer Bette-Jo Hughes says in a statement that out of precaution government email servers are temporarily disabled while work is done to resolve the issue.

She says protection of government data and networks are a top priority and immediate action was taken to reduce exposure to the network and prevent loss of information.

The statement doesn't provide information about the identity of the malicious file attachment.

Hughes says the ministry is working to restore the service as quickly as possible. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Featured: TIMEX. Reg. $85 to $95 **Sale $59.50 to $66.50**

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Women's wallets and small accessories
by NINE WEST, GUESS, ANNE KLEIN and more
In our handbag department. See below for exclusions.

50% off
Diamond, gemstone, pearl and gold fine jewellery
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See opposite page for details.

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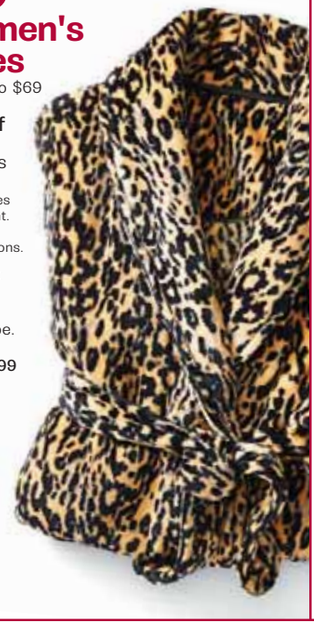
Women's robes
Reg. up to $69

50% off other women's robes
In our robes department. See below for exclusions.

Featured: LORD & TAYLOR plush robe. Reg. $69 **Sale $19.99**



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Reg. $149.99

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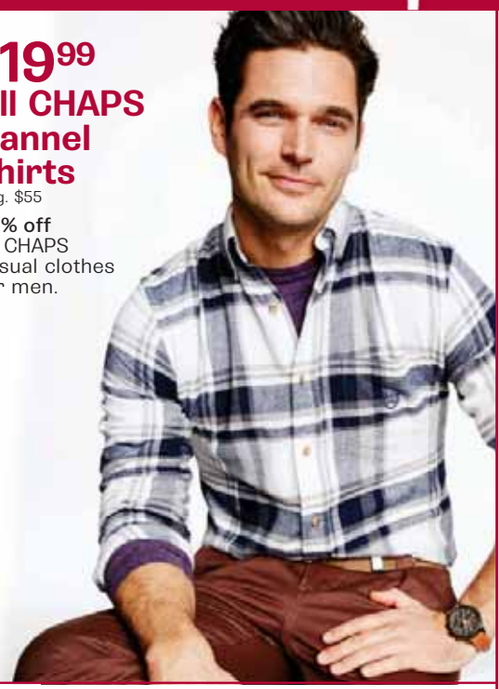

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Reg. up to $69
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Featured:
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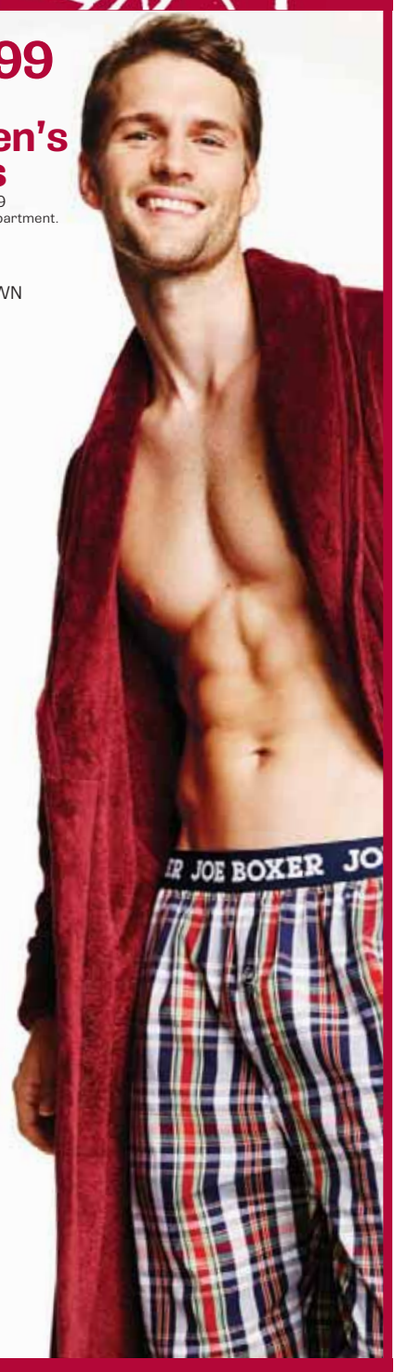

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Featured: HOTEL COLLECTION Frame Lacquer double/queen duvet. Reg. $270 **Sale $135**

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Laura Miller, who was former Ontario premier Dalton McGuinty's chief of staff, is seen in an undated Facebook photo with Peter Faist, who police allege was paid $10,000 in 2013 to erase Ontario government hard drives in the midst of an investigation over the controversial cancellation of an expensive gas-plant project. FACEBOOK.COM

Liberals paid expert to wipe drives: OPP

McGuinty era. Top aide's spouse paid $10,000 to wipe computer hard drives in McGuinty's office, court documents allege

The Ontario Liberal caucus paid the spouse of a top aide to Dalton McGuinty $10,000 to wipe computer hard drives in the premier's office, police alleged in court documents released Thursday.

The information used by Ontario Provincial Police to obtain a search warrant that was executed in November at a provincial government cybersecurity office in Toronto was made public after media lawyers requested it be unsealed.

The warrant is part of an OPP investigation into deleted documents on the Liberals' decision to cancel two gas plants prior to the 2011 election, at a cost to taxpayers of up to $1.1 billion.

Computer expert Peter Faist was asked by his spouse, Laura Miller, "to wipe off personal data on approximately 20 desktop computers in the premier's office," alleges Det.-Const. Andre Duval in his application for the warrant.

"Faist was under the impression that Cabinet Office was aware of his presence and the work requested of him," wrote Duval. "He was paid an amount of $10,000 by the Liberal caucus for his work."

Miller was McGuinty's deputy chief of staff under David Livingston, who is being investigated by the OPP for alleged breach of trust. No charges have been laid, and Livingston says he has not done wrong.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

June 2010-March 2014

Documents show Faist's company was paid $224,000 by the Ontario Liberal Party and the Liberal caucus service bureau between June 2010 and March 2014.

- Search warrants served last month sought the entire email boxes for Livingston and Miller.

Tories, NDP consider federal fallout from Alberta's political earthquake

Federal Conservatives say they're gobsmacked over the political tectonic shifts in Alberta this week, but they don't have to reach too far into their own history to see parallels with the political pragmatism that's at play.

Wildrose Party Leader Danielle Smith crossed the floor this week with eight MLAs to join the majority Progressive Conservative government. Federal members of Parliament — many of whom supported Wildrose — were caught off guard by the move.

Some observers have pointed to Wildrose's disappointing showing in recent byelections as the catalyst for her startling decision.

And so it was in 2003, when a relatively new Canadian Alliance Leader Stephen Harper lost a key byelection to the Progressive Conservatives, who were in fifth place nationally at the time.

Harper spent countless hours campaigning with the candidate to no avail. Harper's spokesman, Jason MacDonald, suggested Wednesday that Smith's move had the PM's approval. Harper has dissuaded his MPs from campaigning for one Alberta party or another.

NDP MP Linda Duncan said the fact Prentice took in nine MLAs from the right-wing Wildrose party suggests his party is not progressive.

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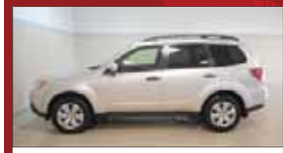

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June 2010. Woman gets 90-day sentence for fatal crash while helping ducks

A widow whose husband and daughter were killed when their motorcycle crashed into a woman's car as she helped ducks on a highway is satisfied with the accused's 90-day jail term.

Besides the detention, Emma Czornobaj must do 240 hours of community service and is prohibited from driving for 10 years.

She will serve the jail sentence on weekends.

After Czornobaj stopped her car in June 2010 to rescue ducklings on the side of the highway, the motorcycle carrying Andre Roy and his teenager daughter Jessie slammed into her vehicle. A jury convicted her of two counts of criminal negligence causing death and two counts of dangerous driving causing death.

Emma Czornobaj

RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pauline Volikakis, the wife and mother of the victims, says the family was hoping for a significant sentence and got it.

She told reporters outside the courtroom she's happy the family can turn the page and move on with a positive attitude instead of a negative one. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4,600 on organ wait lists. Just one-third of eligible donors donate: Report

While thousands of Canadians wait for transplants that could alter or save their lives, many potentially willing organ donors are never identified or don't make it through the complex donation process, says a report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information released Thursday.

"We know that each year, more than 500 Canadians who die in hospital donate their organs," said Kathleen Morris, director of health system analysis at CIHI. "What we found, using very conservative estimates, is that only about one-third of people who are clinically eligible to donate an organ actually become a donor."

The report said there are untapped donors among deceased patients over age 60 and among those with irreversible brain damage who are declared dead after their heart stops — called donation after cardiocirculatory death, or DCD.

CIHI said there are more than 4,600 Canadians on waiting lists for an organ transplant, and hundreds on the lists die each year because no suitable donor organ becomes available. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Backlogged

Fewer in-person hearings at social security tribunal

The government's critically backlogged social security tribunal has been working to reduce the number of in-person hearings for jobless, injured Canadians denied employment insurance or Canada Pension Plan disability benefits. But statistics show Canadians are more likely to successfully appeal when they meet face-to-face with tribunal members rather than having hearings held over the phone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Soliciting funds

Group fighting terrorist label can't raise funds for lawyer: Minister

An organization that was branded a terrorist group last spring has been denied permission by Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney to raise money to fight the move. The Canadian branch of the International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy is asking the Federal Court of Canada to set aside Blaney's decision as unconstitutional and affirm its right to solicit funds to pay a lawyer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

M.C. Escher on display at National Gallery

A reporter looks at an artwork by artist M.C. Escher on display at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa Thursday, during a media preview of M.C. Escher: the Mathemagician. The show opens Saturday and runs to May 3, 2015. The pieces pictured are Sky and Water I, left, and Metamorphosis (Bees), right.

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Feds confirm plans for wireless auction

Attracting more carriers. Forthcoming wireless auction will reserve much of new spectrum for carriers other than the Big Three

The federal government confirmed Thursday that a forthcoming wireless auction will reserve more than half of the new spectrum for carriers other than the Big Three — Rogers, Bell, and Telus.

Industry Minister James Moore released the details for the auction of AWS-3 spectrum, or advanced wireless services, which is scheduled to begin March 3. The final technical document largely mirrored what the government had already foreshadowed during consultations. Most notably, 60 per cent of the available spectrum will be reserved for smaller carriers, while the remaining 40 per cent will be available to all applicants.

Moore lauded Canada's three major carriers for providing world-class service, but he said consumers need more competition.

"They (Bell, Rogers and Telus) are all some of the best wireless companies that exist anywhere on the globe," Moore said at a Vancouver event. "But while we put more spectrum in the marketplace than ever before, we have a coherent and consistent policy to ensure we reserve more capacity for more competition in the wireless marketplace, which of course will result in lower prices and a better quality of services for Canadian consumers."

The government has been attempting to use its wireless auctions to foster competition, but new entrants have struggled and the three national carriers continue to represent 90 per cent of Canada's wireless customer base.

Moore confirmed the AWS-3 auction will maintain the same opening bid prices that were announced earlier this year. Industry Canada says it would raise $162.45 million from the auction if it receives just the minimum bid for each parcel of wireless spectrum.

The minister also used Thursday's announcement to reveal other measures intended to increase capacity, including a contentious plan to allow mobile service on a band currently used by rural wireless Internet service. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Previous auction

Earlier this year, the government held an auction of prime 700 MHz spectrum, which raised $5.27 billion.

- However, Rogers Communications, BCE Inc. and Telus bought the bulk of the licences, with regional players also making smaller acquisitions.
- Wind Mobile, which is attempting to position itself to become a fourth national carrier, could not secure funding.
- Wind's CEO has said the company's next step is to acquire more wireless spectrum.

Magnotta jury heads into fourth day's deliberations

Day 3 of jury deliberations at Luka Rocco Magnotta's murder trial came and went Thursday without a verdict.

The jurors will be back for a fourth day on Friday.

Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder and four other charges in the slaying and dismemberment of Chinese engineering student Jun Lin in May 2012.

The eight women and four men began deliberating on Tuesday and have emerged just once because they wanted to know whether personality disorders are considered a mental disorder under law.

Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer told them Wednesday the answer to their question was yes.

Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder and is seeking to be found not criminally responsible. His lawyer says he is schizophrenic and couldn't tell right from wrong.

On the murder charge, the jury has four options: Find Magnotta guilty of first-degree murder, second-degree murder or manslaughter, or find him not criminally responsible. The judge told the jurors Monday that if they find the accused not criminally responsible, that verdict must be the same for all five charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mental disorder defense

Prosecutor Louis Bouthillier has argued the schizophrenia was a misdiagnosis and that his medical problems and behaviour are likely the result of personality disorders.

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Putin warns West it can't rein in Russia

Hard liner. Russian president says he'll shore up the ruble and revive the economy within two years

Sternly warning the West it cannot defang the metaphorical Russian bear, a confident-looking President Vladimir Putin promised Thursday to shore up the plummeting ruble and revive the economy within two years.

While he issued a litany of sharp rebukes against the West, Putin struck a conciliatory note on Ukraine, saying that the rebellious east should remain part of the country, backing a quick exchange of war prisoners and praising his Ukrainian counterpart.

The mixture of blistering anti-Western rhetoric and constructive signals appeared to indicate that Putin is eager to negotiate a face-saving solution to the Ukrainian crisis but has no intention of conceding defeat in his standoff.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New sanctions

U.S. President Barack Obama signed legislation Thursday authorizing new sanctions on Russia but said he does not plan to impose the penalties outlined in the measure.

President Vladimir Putin in front of a map of Russia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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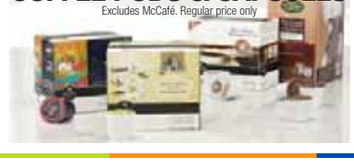

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'Culture of violence'

U.S. sues New York City over Rikers Island issues

U.S. federal prosecutors sued New York City on Thursday to speed the pace of reforms at the Rikers Island jail complex and address what a Justice Department investigation found was a "deep-seated culture of violence" toward young inmates.

The move comes a day after Mayor Bill de Blasio visited the 10-jail lockup to announce the end of solitary confinement for 16- and 17-year-old inmates, a policy change initiated after the 2-1/2-year federal probe released in August.

But the end of solitary was just one of 73 recommendations made by federal prosecutors to curb violence, improve investigations, strengthen accountability and reduce the use of solitary confinement for inmates who break jailhouse rules. Court papers say that, despite negotiations, the parties have been unable to reach agreement.

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Boston Marathon. Bombing suspect in court

Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev returned to court Thursday for the first time since he was arraigned in July 2013, and he received a shout of encouragement from the mother-in-law of a man who was shot and killed while being questioned by law enforcement after the bombings.

Security was tight at the federal courthouse in Boston for Tsarnaev's final pretrial conference.

Tensions ran high, and one bombing victim had a testy exchange with protesters outside.

During the brief court hearing, U.S. District Court George O'Toole Jr. made no rulings, saying he would rule in writing on pending motions, including the defence's latest push to move the trial out of Boston.

David Bruck, one of Tsarnaev's lawyers, told the judge that the defence plans to file a motion to delay the trial, scheduled to begin on Jan. 5. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev depicted in court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Boko Haram blamed for more kidnapping

Nigerian village. Most of those taken were young women, children and members of a civilian defence group

Islamic extremists killed 35 people and kidnapped at least 185 in an attack near the town where nearly 300 schoolgirls were taken hostage in April, witnesses said Thursday.

In Sunday night's attack on the village of Gumburi, most of the kidnapped were young women, children and members of a civilian defence group fighting Boko Haram, according to residents, a security official and a local government officer.

Teenager Aji Ibrahim said he was lucky to escape into the bushes.

"No doubt they were Boko Haram members because they were chanting 'Allahu akbar' (God is great) while shooting at people and torching houses," he said.

News of the attack took days to emerge because the militants have destroyed communications towers and people walked for days to avoid areas under extremist control.

Gumburi is 20 kilometres from Chibok, the northeastern town where extremists kidnapped 276 schoolgirls in April. Dozens of the students escaped that attack, but 219 remain missing.

The militants have kidnapped hundreds of people, but the mass kidnappings of the girls from a boarding school attracted international outrage and condemnation of Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan and his military for their failure to rescue the hostages.

The United States, Britain, France and China were among countries that sent security experts and hostage negotiators to help free the girls.

Washington also flew drones over the area where it believed the schoolgirls were held. None of them have yet been found.

Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau initially demanded the release of his fighters who are being held illegally without charges or trial. But Jonathan said he would not negotiate with terrorists.

There were reports that some of the girls had been married to their captors and some carried across borders.

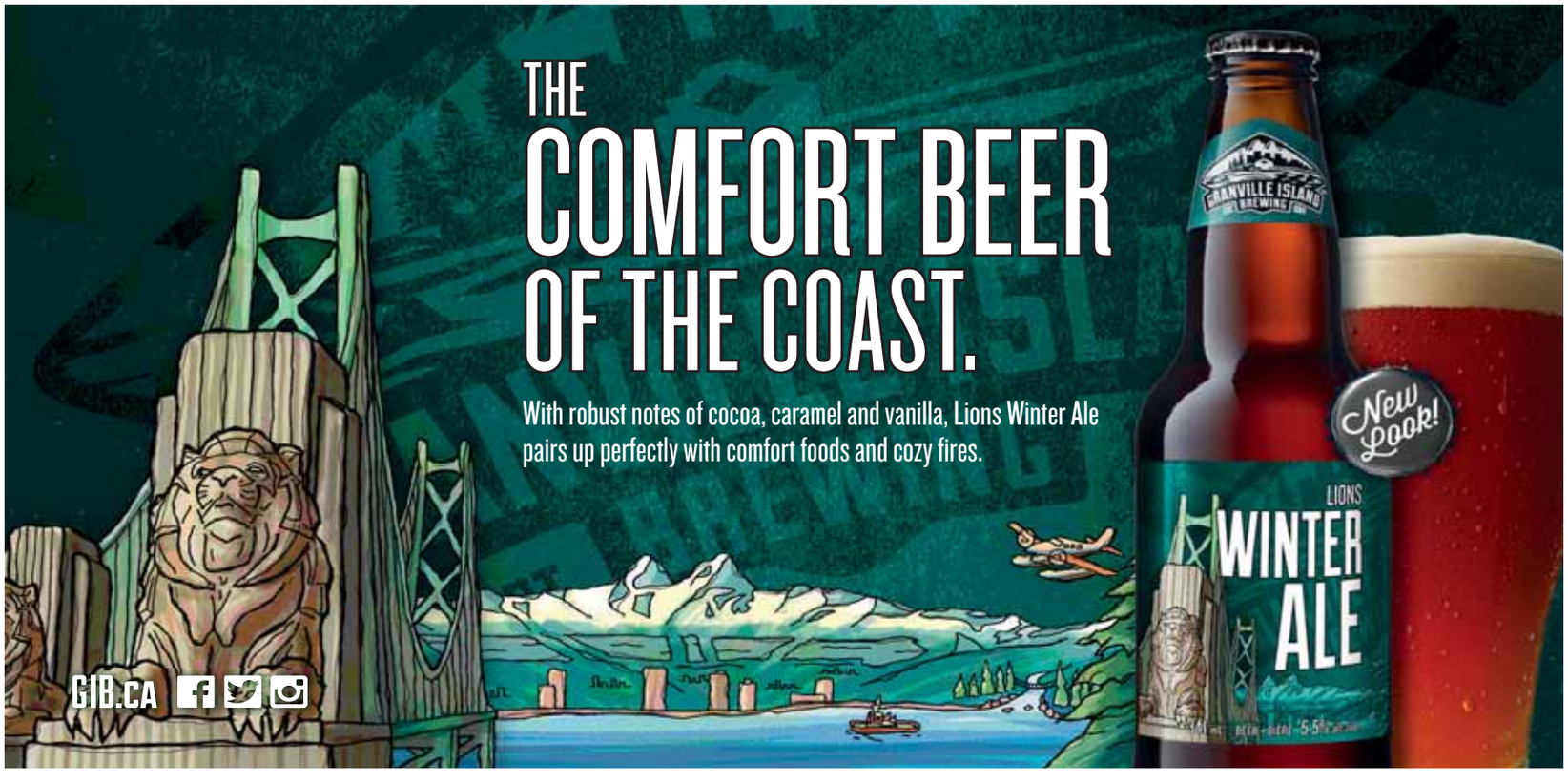
In a recent video, Shekau said the girls were "an old story," implying their release was no longer up for negotiation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soldiers sentenced

A human-rights lawyer says 54 Nigerian soldiers have been sentenced to death because they embarrassed the military by demanding weapons to fight extremists and says they were justified in not going on what would have been a suicide mission.

Pakistan condemns, mourns loss of children

A Pakistani child attends a protest on Thursday to condemn the Taliban attack on the Army Public School in Peshawar. The Taliban massacre killed more than 140 people, mostly children, at the military-run school in northwestern Pakistan on Tuesday. The nation struggled with the heart-wrenching devastation as mass funerals got underway. MOHAMMAD SAJJAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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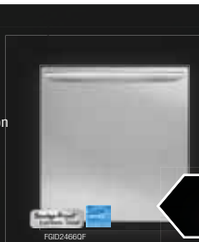

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Sony hacking evidence mostly circumstantial

Response. While many have pointed the finger at North Korea, the U.S. is still investigating

Workers remove a poster for The Interview from a billboard in Hollywood on Thursday. MICHAEL THURSTON/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The detective work blaming North Korea for the Sony hacker break-in appears so far to be largely circumstantial, The Associated Press has learned.

The dramatic conclusion of a Korean role is based on subtle clues in the hacking tools left behind and the involvement of at least one computer in Bolivia previously traced to other attacks blamed on North Koreans.

Experts cautioned that hackers notoriously employ disinformation to throw investigators off their tracks, using borrowed tools, tampering with logs and inserting false references to language or nationality.

The hackers are believed to have been conducting surveillance on the network at Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc. since at least the spring, based on computer forensic evidence and traffic analysis, a person with knowledge of the investigation said.

If the hackers hadn't made their presence known by making demands and destroying files, they probably would still be inside because there was no indication their presence was about to be detected, the person said. This person, who described the evidence as circumstantial, spoke only on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk openly about the case.

Still, the evidence has been considered conclusive enough that a U.S. official has said that federal investigators have now connected the Sony hacking to North Korea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chain co-founder

Kids can play on field for now: Subway honcho

A co-founder of the Subway sandwich chain says kids in Danbury, Conn., can continue to play soccer on a field he owns until a new athletic field is ready to open. Peter Buck purchased the 13-acre field from the city for about $3.2 million US in September with plans to build a warehouse for personal items.
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THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

I don't know too much about Cuba or why the U.S. ended diplomatic relations with them in 1961.

I grew up hearing about an "embargo," a missile crisis and something about some pigs on the bay. Delicious? Oh yeah, and that communism thing.

In my adulthood I came to know Cuba as a sunny vacation destination for friends who enjoyed bad food and copious amounts of rum.

The fact that Cuba had poor relations with the States made it seem cooler — like that weird loner in high school who stayed away from the popular crowd but was still hot.

But with the announcement Wednesday that the U.S. will be opening an embassy in Havana, it's only a matter of time before U.S. tourist visas are approved and the American masses start flooding in.

A happy day for Cuban business people, a sad one for Canadian travellers. Cuba was our place.

If Americans wanted to travel to Cuba, they had to fly through Canada to get there. It was this one thing we had that they needed, aside from poutine: airports.

Now Cuba's going to be flooded with our loud, southern counterparts.

Large derrieres and fanny packs knocking us to the ground as we, in true Canadian fashion, apologize for being in their way.

As we sit at tables by the ocean, enjoying the familiar scent of universal health care, we'll be startled by the woman at the next table, speaking to the waiter like she has a megaphone implanted in her mouth: "EXCUSE ME. I'll have another mojito! GRACIAS!"

Gone are the days when the only American we saw in Cuba was Ernest Hemingway's ghost as he smoked a Monte Cristo with that man by the sea.

A farewell to arm-room

Gone are the days when the only American we saw in Cuba was Ernest Hemingway's ghost as he smoked a Monte Cristo with that man by the sea.

And what about the old cars? Studebakers, Oldsmobiles, Soviet imports? I don't really care about cars, but I do care about ambience.

Those cars gave a fun trip an educational twist — sure, you were puking up Havana Club but you were doing it in an automobile museum.

Annoying people and Ford Focuses aside, maybe the saddest part about this important diplomatic shift is how much this is going to cost us.

I have friends who have spent an all-inclusive week in Cuba for under $1,000.

I doubt prices will stay so low, with 300 million potential new customers trampling through the discount-getaway websites.

Supply-and-demand is a harsh economic bitch. Cuban resort owners are probably dusting out their wallets right now as they learn to prepare a plate of grits.

Look, maybe there's a bright side.

Those new cars? A boon for the environment. Trade relations with the States? The food is bound to improve. Americans at the table beside you? A reason to feel better about yourself.

Let's look at this as two countries hugging after a long, ridiculous disagreement. It's kinda beautiful.

That said, I wonder what North Korea's like this time of the year.

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Happy face/Sad face

From kowtowing to hackers to old-school illness, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:

AND BY 'YES', WE MEAN 'NO'

Major bummer for nearly 300 would-be Johns Hopkins students. Turns out the prestigious university in Baltimore accidentally sent congratulatory admission messages to 294 applicants who had actually been turned down. A contracted employee had pulled the wrong list of emails and set in motion the unfortunate turn of events.

THE MAGIC OF INCLUSIVITY

J.K. Rowling has no doubt made kids from The Youth Project in Halifax seriously happy after retweeting a poster they made that says, "If Harry Potter taught us anything, it's that no one should live in a closet." The tweet was in response to a fan asking if LGBT students were in attendance at Hogwarts. We think it's pretty safe to say that the answer is "yes."

HOLLYWOOD VS. THE HACKERS (SPOILER: THE HACKERS WIN)

Sony Pictures cancelled Seth Rogan/James Franco movie The Interview, about two guys who plot to kill North Korea's leader, after hackers broke into their system and made 9/11-style terror threats. If we don't have the freedom to watch third-rate political spoofs on Christmas Day, have the terrorists already won?

ART SCHOOL GOES HEART SCHOOL

A U.K. art student raised more than £21,000 for a homeless man after he offered her his last £3 so she could get home safely. Dominique Harrison-Bentzen set up a donation page asking for £3 a pop to give to a homeless man named Robbie. In exchange, she and others spent 24 hours out on the streets. Makes that nude performance piece challenging the hegemony or whatever seem pretty lame in comparison, huh?

THE MUMPS

Millions of non-medical professionals diagnosed Nova Scotia native Sidney Crosby with mumps days before the Pittsburgh Penguins' official doctors admitted the star player had the illness. More than a dozen players from five teams have been sidelined with the illness that causes, among other things, unmistakably swollen glands.

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SCENE 2

The must-see films of 2014

Look-back list. This year in film was one that offered accidental echoes of real life from charged movies about race like Dear White People and Selma, to anxieties about the passing of time, reflected in Boyhood

MATT PRIGGE
Metro in New York City

The Grand Budapest Hotel placed second on our list of top films of 2014. CONTRIBUTED

Here then are the best, darkest, funniest and, occasionally, just fun movies of the year.

10. Edge of Tomorrow
The first two-thirds of this Tom Cruise sci-fi spectacular are so good — hey, it's Groundhog Day with aliens, how do you screw that up? — that the so-so third that follows is easy to excuse. More funny/clever than rip-roaring, this — not interchangeable, interlocking Marvel romps — is what should be clogging multiplexes.

9. Selma
The world's first studio picture about Martin Luther King Jr. could have been another turgid biopic. Instead, it's a thrilling telling of a small but vital chapter in his life. And its portrayal of protests is more than accidentally topical, as peaceful protests concerning race rage in the streets: It's about the grunt work of activism and the way it requires sly manipulation.

8. Two Days, One Night
It's easy to take for granted Belgium's Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne (Kid with a Bike), who reliably churn out deeply humanist and deeply gripping social dramas that often play like nail-biting thrillers. Their latest is only slightly better than usual, which is to say it's consistently heartbreaking, with Marion Cotillard rushing like mad on a fool's errand to save her crappy job.

7. Inherent Vice
The year's funniest comedy is, of course, an adaptation of the unadaptable Thomas Pynchon. The daunting novelist's impenetrable stoner detective tome becomes more than just another Big Lebowski: Combining Pynchon with Paul Thomas Anderson, it has the weirdest sense of humour since ... well, Anderson's Punch-Drunk Love.

6. Dear White People
Important without being pompous, necessary but still a blast, Justin Simien's temperature-taking of modern times as reflected through campus life wasn't really about stupid white people so much as about the diversity of black life that never gets shown on screens.

1. Under the Skin

Scarlett Johansson took on some dangerous roles in 2014, including a mysterious alien in Under the Skin. CONTRIBUTED

Scarlett Johansson was dangerous in 2014. Lucy turned her into the invincible master of the universe. She was merely an alien seductress in this hypnotic mood piece, in which she trolled Glasgow, luring bros to a mysterious, inexplicable kind of death. There's a lot going on here, from its unflattering, detached view of humanity to its playfully empathic view of a psychopath who tries, and fails, to become human. But it's also a study of ScarJo, celebrity icon: someone outside of the rest of us, lusted after yet unobtainable, who ultimately can never be one of us.

5. We are the Best!
Amidst all the misery and tragedy of this year, there was always this: a 100 per cent joyous comedy about self-serious Swedish tween punk rock girls. They banged away at songs about sports and corporations with less finesse than Animal the Muppet.

4. Listen Up Philip
There were a lot of sociopath movies this year, from Whiplash to Big Eyes. Jason Schwartzman's young, cartoonishly pompous novelist wasn't even the worst of them, but he was the saddest — an upstart trying to be the kind of literary jerk of a bygone era and succeeding only at turning into a sour loner who drives away the only girl, potentially, who could put up with him (Elisabeth Moss). The film's final line of narration may make you dive for a stiff drink.

3. National Gallery
Frederick Wiseman has been cranking out observational documentaries on institutions — High School, Hospital, Central Park — for half a century. This hang at the London museum is more of the same, only more brilliant than usual — a shape-shifter that over its three leisurely hours turns into a look at cosmic insignificance, with art living longer than those who exhibit and protect it.

2. The Grand Budapest Hotel
There's always a deep, dark melancholy bubbling under Wes Anderson films. Here, it's harder to find than usual; this is his zippiest hunk of confectionery yet. But it's also set in a Europe about to be wasted by the Second World War, where violence that seems cartoonish — severed fingers, Looney Tunes-style plummets off cliffs — soon step up and then some. It's so hilarious that its chasmic despair isn't noticeable till a second viewing.

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Musical

Annie

Director. Will Gluck

Stars. Jamie Foxx, Quvenzhane Wallis

A Broadway classic that has delighted audiences for generations comes to the big screen with a new, contemporary vision. This modern telling captures the magic of the classic characters. Annie, a young, happy foster kid who's also tough enough to make her way on the streets of New York in 2014. Originally left by her parents as a baby with the promise that they'd be back for her someday, it's been a hard-knock life ever since.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 19% **Audience:** + 86%

Drama

Wild

Director. Jean-Marc Vallée

Stars. Reese Witherspoon, Kevin Rankin

With the dissolution of her marriage and the death of her mother, Cheryl Strayed has lost all hope. After years of reckless, destructive behaviour, she makes a rash decision. With absolutely no experience, driven only by sheer determination, Cheryl hikes more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, alone. Wild powerfully captures the terrors and pleasures of one young woman forging ahead against all odds.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 88% **Audience:** + 95%

Action/Comedy

Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb

Director. Shawn Levy

Stars. Ben Stiller, Robin Williams

Get ready for the wildest and most adventure-filled Night At the Museum ever as Larry (Ben Stiller) spans the globe, uniting favourite and new characters while embarking on an epic quest to save the magic before it is gone forever.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 53% **Audience:** + 97%

Mystery/Drama

The Gambler

Director. Rupert Wyatt

Stars. Mark Wahlberg

Jim Bennett (Mark Wahlberg) is a risk taker. Both an English professor and a high-stakes gambler, Bennett bets it all when he borrows from a gangster (Michael Kenneth Williams) and offers his own life as collateral. Always one step ahead, Bennett pits his creditor against the operator of a gambling ring (Alvin Ing) and leaves his dysfunctional relationship with his wealthy mother.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 62% **Audience:** + 94%

Drama/Comedy

Dear White People

Director. Justin Simien

Stars. Tyler James Williams, Tessa Thompson

Winner of the 2014 Sundance Film Festival's Special Jury Award for Breakthrough Talent, Dear White People is a sly, provocative satire of race relations in the age of Obama. Writer/director Justin Simien follows a group of African American students as they navigate campus life and racial politics at a predominantly white college.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 90% **Audience:** 71%

Drama

Exodus: Gods and Kings

Director. Ridley Scott

Stars. Christian Bale, Ben Kingsley

From acclaimed director Ridley Scott (Gladiator, Prometheus) comes the epic adventure Exodus: Gods and Kings, the story of one man's daring courage to take on the might of an empire. Using state-of-the-art visual effects and 3D immersion, Scott brings new life to the story of the defiant leader Moses (Christian Bale).

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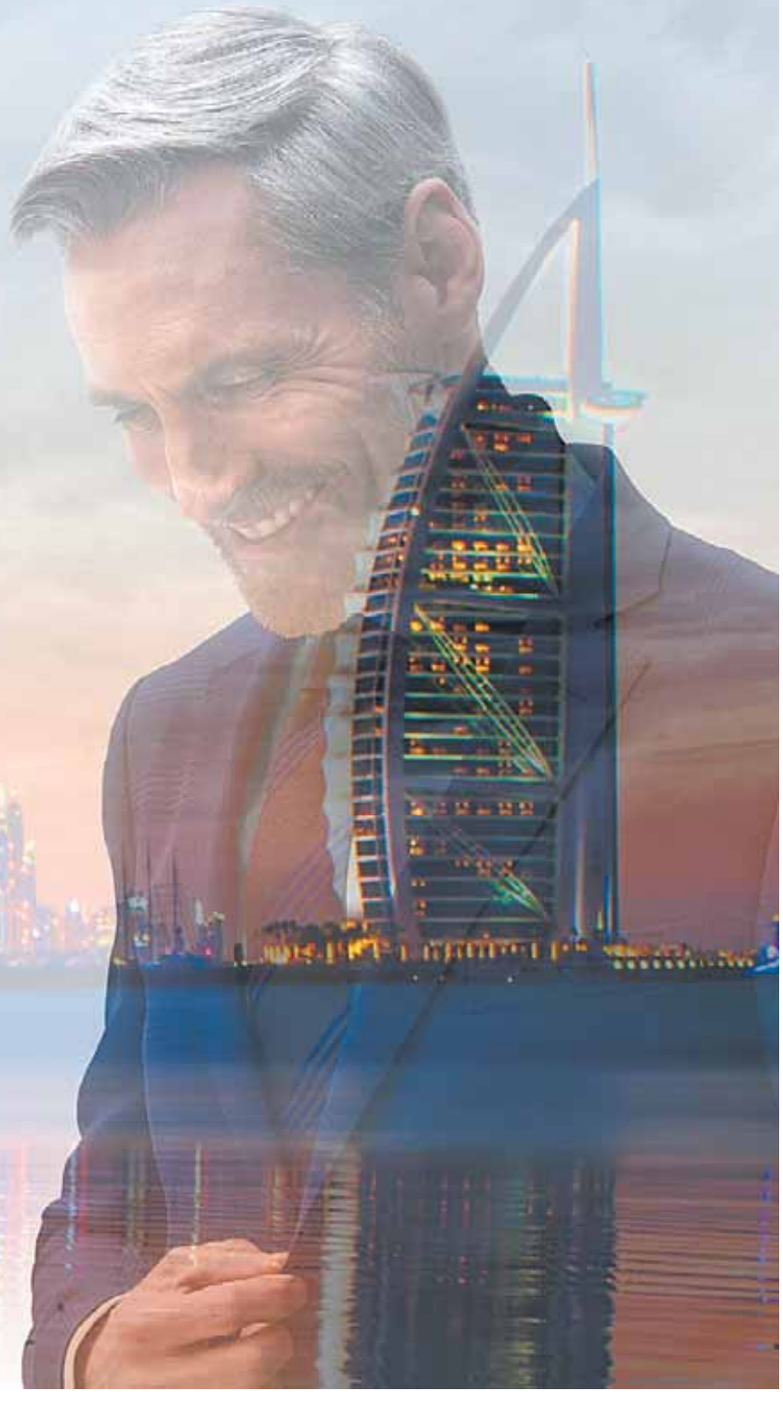

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Q&A. Paul Thomas Anderson has been fan of Pynchon books for years

Joaquin Phoenix and Paul Thomas Anderson CONTRIBUTED

For filmmaker Paul Thomas Anderson's latest trick, he's taken on a literary titan long thought impossible to adapt for film — or for a single film, at least. But Anderson had been a fan of Thomas Pynchon that he says he couldn't not do Inherent Vice, Pynchon's 2009 novel ostensibly about a stoner private detective (Joaquin Phoenix) working a case in 1970 Los Angeles. And since he's presumably spent some time with the notoriously reclusive author, we asked Anderson to draw us a picture of Pynchon. The results are pretty entertaining.

Adapting Pynchon for the screen is a daunting task. At what point did you first think, "I should do this"?
It was two things at once. It was, "I don't know how to do this and I can't do this, but no one else is going to be allowed to do this but me."

I love, and have loved his work for a long time. I flirted with trying to do Vineland, I certainly thought for a second Mason and Dixon could be done — and maybe someday still will. But this presented itself as doable, as a great lead character weaving through many other great characters.

And I loved how many girls there were in it, too. There's so many great parts for girls, and getting your hero to interact with all of them — and most of them are half-clothed. That just seemed so appealing.

If you take your films chronologically, it tells an interesting story of the development of the L.A. area.
That's just kind of the way things have fallen. There are people who buy books about history. I buy books about neighbourhoods, where you can see, "Here's the picture of it in 1920 and here's the picture of it today."

Do you think of your films that way, as a body of work with overarching themes?
Only in interviews. But it's funny, things come out in the wash. Like on The Master, the preoccupation was, "You make films about fathers and sons." And I was like, "I do? F—, I guess I do. OK, sure."

I never thought I'd be making a detective movie, ever. This was a way to make a Thomas Pynchon movie, and his concerns are my concerns.

I'd like to steal from his kind of preoccupation with this country, this world, where it's at, where it's going. Republicans in power, land grabs, abuses of power. You know, all this kind of stuff that I love.

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Joaquin's dopey detective best viewed with a clear head

Inherent Vice. Oscar-winning actor says it would be redundant to get stoned before watching his Doc Sportello character

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Joaquin Phoenix CONTRIBUTED

Inherent Vice marks the second time Oscar winner Joaquin Phoenix has teamed up with director Paul Thomas Anderson — they previously collaborated on 2013's The Master — and this one couldn't be more different. For one thing, it's an adaptation of a novel by notoriously elusive and verbose author Thomas Pynchon. For another, it features a twisty, hazy detective novel plot centred around Phoenix's stoner detective, Doc Sportello. But that doesn't mean Phoenix thinks you should smoke up yourself before watching.

Are you worried about people finding the plot hard to follow? Do you have advice about how to watch it?
I would say that it's a movie to be experienced. I think if you're sitting there and trying to figure it out, you're going to miss a lot of the beauty of the film.

It really is something where the texture of the movie, the tone of it is such a wonderful experience, it's just this haze. I remember when I was done watching it, I didn't realize how much I'd been transported into this other world, because Paul just lulls you into this state. It's so subtle how he brings you into it.

So I think the best experience is to just go along for the ride and not try to figure it all out. The cool thing about movies is everybody has a different way of watching them and experiencing them.

So, I have to ask: Yes or no — Is Pynchon in the film?
I really don't know. It's funny because I feel like kind of a d— now, but I never asked. Like, I just assumed that he wasn't around.

My publicist showed me something where Josh (Brolin) had said that he was around or that he showed up, and I was like, "How did Josh know?" I felt a little bit left out, like did Paul tell Josh and didn't tell me? But, no, I never asked. It just never occurred to me that he would be.

How does it differ when you have something as dense as this novel versus a script?
It's weird because there's times when it's really helpful and then there's times when it's really frustrating, because there's things that you loved so much in the book you want to get into the film but you just can't. There's a lot of characters that were just left out.

But obviously the more information you have, the better. It's just tough for me. It was a bit of a struggle because I wanted to remain confused and naive about the story, which isn't difficult to do. You'd have to read it a hundred times, like Paul did, to really get your head around it.

But I always wanted to remain in that state, and it's something that Paul really stirred up. He would combine certain characters or take dialogue from one character and apply it to another, just stir everything up and create this sense of confusion where I didn't really know what was what.

Is there a difference in the dynamic with him since working on The Master?
Everything is different. The whole tone of this was different. This felt much more open in a way. When we worked on The Master, it felt so intimate.

Sober thoughts

Joaquin Phoenix says there is no need to get stoned before seeing Inherent Vice.

"I don't think so. Because I feel like the movie gives you that feeling, do you know what I mean? So I wouldn't suggest it."

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Hidden Universe (STC) Fri 12-2 Sat-Sun 12-2-4 Mon-Wed 12-2
Journey to the South Pacific: The IMAX Experience (STC) Fri-Wed 1
No Films Showing Today (STC) Thu
Santa vs. The Snowman (STC) Fri-Tue

Dunbar Theatre 4555 Dunbar Street

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri 3:25-7-10:05 Sat-Tue 12:20-3:25-7-10:05 Wed 12:20-3:25-7 Thu 3:25-7

Fifth Avenue Cinemas 2110 Burrard Street

Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Wed 1:40-4:30-7:20 Thu 4:30-7:20-10:10
Foxcatcher (PG) Fri-Tue 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 Wed 12:45-3:45-6:45
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 No Passes Wed 12:30-3:40-6:50 No Passes Thu 3:30-6:45-10
Mr. Turner (PG) Thu 3:15-6:30-9:45
The Theory of Everything (G) Fri-Tue 1-4-7-9:55 Wed 1-4-7 Thu 4-6:55-9:40
Wild (14A) Fri-Tue 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:50 Wed 1:30-4:15-7:10 Thu 4:15-7:05-9:50

Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street

No Films Showing Today (STC)
Fri-Thu

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

Fred Claus (G) Sat 11
The Imitation Game (PG) No Passes Fri 4-6:45-9:30 No Passes Sat-Tue 1:15-4-6:45-9:30 No Passes Wed 1:15-4-6:45 No Passes Thu 4-6:45-9:30

Rio on Broadway, 1660 E. Broadway

Gremlins (PG) Fri 11:59
Interstellar (PG) Sat 7:30 Sun 9:15 Mon-Wed 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Thu

Scotiabank Theatre 900 Burrard St

Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (STC) Fri-Wed 12:05-3:20-6:45-10:05 Thu 11:25-3:05-6:35-10
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (STC) Fri 12:30-3:45-7:10-10:30 Sat-Wed 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
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Horrible Bosses 2 (14A) Fri-Sat 2:10-4:45-7:20-10 Sun 4:45-7:20-10 Mon 1:50-4:25-10:05 Tue-Wed 2:10-4:45-7:20-10
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:35 Sat 12-3:25-5:10-7:45-10:35 Sun-Tue 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:35 Wed 12-3:15-5:10-7:45-10:35 Thu 10:55-1:50-4:45-7:45-10:45
The Imitation Game (PG) No Passes Thu 11:15-1-2:05-3:50-5:05-6:45-8-9:45-10:55
Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:05-6-9:40 Sat 1:30-6-9:40 Sun 1-6-9:40 Mon 2:50-9:40 Tue 2:05-6-9:40 Wed 1:30-6-9:40 Thu 11-2:35-6:25-10:10
It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 12:30 Mon 7 Wed 12:30

Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre, 1181 Seymour Street

Advanced Style (STC) Fri 6:30 Sat 11:30-8:35 Sun 5 Mon-Tue 5:50 Wed 2
Antarctica: A Year on Ice (STC) Sat 6:45 Tue 7:20 Wed 3:30
It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 4:15
The Muppet Christmas Carol (STC) Sun 3
No Films Showing Today (STC) Thu
The Vancouver Asahi (STC) Fri 8 Sat 1:45 Sun 6:30 Mon 7:25

Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatre 845 Avison Way

The Polar Express 4-D Experience (STC) Fri 11:45-1:15-3:15-4:20 Sat-Sun 11:15-11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-1:45-2:15-2:45-3:15-3:45-4:20 Mon-Thu 11:45-1:15-3:15-4:20

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Annie (G) Fri 7-9:50 Sat-Tue 1-4-7-9:50 Wed 1-4 Thu 7-9:50
Exodus: Gods and Kings (STC) Fri 8:30 Sat-Tue 12:20-4:30-8:30 Wed 12:20-4:30
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (STC) Fri 6:15-9:40 Sat-Tue 2:30-6:15-9:40 Wed 2:30 Thu 6:15-9:40
The Gambler (14A) Thu 6:50-9:45
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Fri 6:55-10:15 Sat-Tue 12-3:30-6:55-10:15 Wed 12-3:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) Fri 6:30-8-10 Sat-Tue 11:30-12:45-3-4:15-6:30-8-10 Wed 11:30-12:45-3-4:15 Thu 6:30-10 Thu 8
Into the Woods (PG) Thu 6:40-9:30
Shakespeare's Globe on Screen: The Taming of the Shrew (STC) Sat 10

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Big Eyes (PG) Thu 3:50-6:30-9:10
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 7-10 Sat-Tue 1:10-4:05-7-10 Wed 1:10-4:05-7:10 Thu 7-9:45
The Imitation Game (PG) No Passes Thu 3:50-6:45-9:55
Interstellar (PG) Fri 8 Sat 4:15-8 Sun 12:45-4:15-8 Mon 11:55-3:25 Tue 12:45-4:15-8 Wed 2:30-6
It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 12:30 Mon 7
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) No Passes Fri 7:20-9:50 No Passes Sat 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:50 No Passes Sun 2:15-4:45-7:20-9:50 No Passes Mon-Tue 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:50 No Passes Wed 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:20 No Passes Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Sat-Wed 12:30 Thu 4:45
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 7:30-9:55 Sat-Tue 2:50-5:10-7:30-9:55 Wed 2:50-5:10-7:30
The Theory of Everything (G) Fri 6:50-9:45 Sat-Tue 1-3:55-6:50-9:45 Wed 1-3:55
Unbroken (PG) No Passes Wed 7 No Passes Thu 3:20-6:40-9:50
Wild (14A) Fri 7:10-10:05 Sat-Tue 1:20-4:15-7:10-10:05 Wed 1:20-4:15-7:10 Thu 4:15-7:10-10:05

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Back in Time (STC) Fri-Wed 1:05-3:55-6:40-9:30 Thu 12:55-3:55-6:50-9:45
Big Eyes (PG) Thu 11:20-1:50-4:30-7-9:50
Big Hero 6 (G) Fri 1:55 Sat 11:10-1:55 Sun-Wed 1:55 Thu 11:15-1:55
Big Hero 6 3D (G) Fri-Tue 4:35-7:15-9:50 Wed 4:35 Thu 4:45-7:25-10:10
Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Tue 1:45-4:45-7:40-10:25 Wed 1:45-4:45
Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (STC) Fri-Wed 12-3:20-6:40-10 Thu 4:10
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (STC) Fri-Wed 12:40-4-7:20-10:40 Thu 12:50-7:30-10:50
Fred Claus (G) Sat 11
The Gambler (14A) No Passes Wed 7-9:45 No Passes Thu 11:55-2:40-5:25-8:10-10:55
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Fri 2:40-6 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:20-2:40-6 No Passes Mon-Wed 2:40-6 No Passes Thu 11:30-2:50-6:10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies -- An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:20-3:40-7-10:20 No Passes Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
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It's a Wonderful Life (G) Sat 12:30 Mon 7 Wed 12:30
Love on the Cloud (STC) Wed 12:30-3:20-6:10-9 Thu 12:40-3:30-6:20-9:10
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The Theory of Everything (G) Fri-Wed 1:35-4:25-7:25-10:15
Unbroken (PG) No Passes Wed 7:35-10:40 No Passes Thu 12:40-4-7:20-10:50
Women Who Flirt (PG) Fri-Tue 2:10-4:45-7:40-10:05

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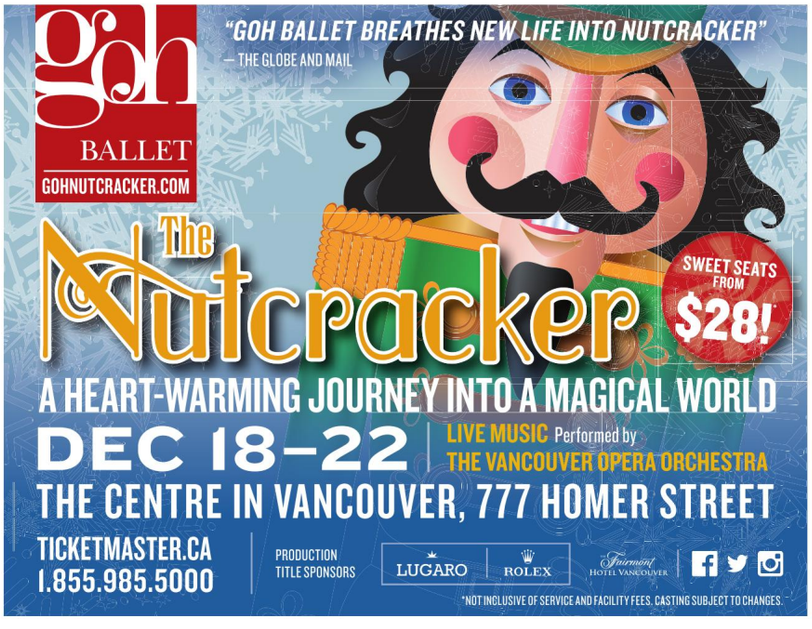
Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:40-6:35-9:25 Sun 12:30 Mon-Tue 12:45-3:40-6:35-9:25 Wed 12:45-3:40 Thu 12:45-3:40-6:35-9:25 Sun 3:40-6:35-9:25
Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (STC) Sun 12:55
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 12:05-2:45-5:25-8:05-10:45 Sat-Sun 5:25-8:05-10:45 Mon 1:30-4:10-9:55 Tue 12:05-2:45-5:25-8:05-10:45 Wed 4:40



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Royal Ballet: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (STC) Sat 7:15
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Arthur Christmas (G) Sat-Thu 12
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Gone Girl (14A) Fri-Thu 6:35
Guardians of the Galaxy 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 9:05 Thu 9:05
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Tue 8:15 Thu 8:15
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri-Thu 4:15

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Big Hero 6 (G) Fri-Wed 1:35
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Cameron Diaz ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Joel not sure Benji and Diaz are a match Madden in heaven

Cameron Diaz and heavily tattooed Good Charlotte twin Benji Madden have been dating since May, but apparently that's long enough to know he's a keeper because a source tells the National Enquirer that Diaz and Madden are "planning their wedding for early in the new year. They've been telling close friends in recent weeks about their plans, but it's very hush-hush." Well, I mean, it was very hush-hush until now. Way to go, anonymous source.

Not everyone is thrilled, though, chief among them Benji's twin brother, Joel, who "actually likes Cameron a lot and thinks they're a good match, but he doesn't want Benji to rush into something so quickly."

Which is fair. I mean, has she even been around them long enough to conclusively tell them apart? Twins are hard, man. Also, I feel like there's a whole vault of quotes from Diaz about marriage and family that could be dug up for this.

Like 2012, when she told Esquire marriage "just wasn't the thing I was drawn to." Or how about two months ago, when she told Marie Clare, "I'm not looking for a husband or marriage or not looking for that stuff. I'm living, not thinking what I should or shouldn't be doing with my life." What a difference Thanksgiving makes.

Funny or Die sweetens the podcast with Serial send-up

Did the finale of Serial not give you the satisfaction you were looking for? Funny or Die has you covered. The humour site taps into the obsession built up around the This American Life podcast and its highly anticipated conclusion.

Michaela Watkins plays Serial host Sarah Koenig as she dodges eager fans and scrambles to come up with a satisfying resolution before finally snapping:

"What do you want? I do a podcast! It was supposed to be for four people. Do you think if I thought this was going to be anything I would have MailChimp sponsor us?" she rants. "What do you want to know? Do you want to know who did it? Fine. It was me! I did it!" Well, I don't think anyone saw that coming.

Michaela Watkins

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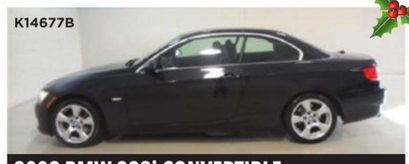

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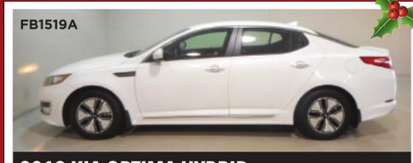

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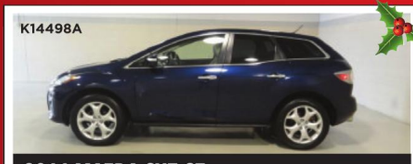

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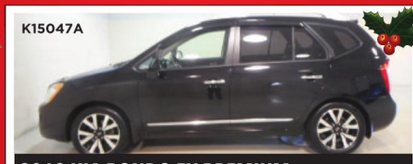

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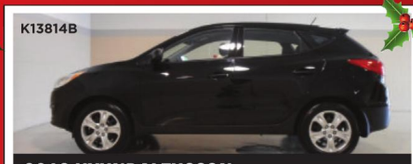

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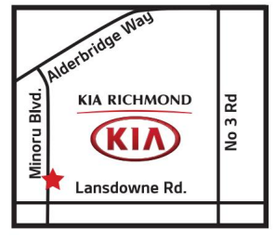

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Parsnip Purée

1. In a saucepan, soften the onion in half the butter. Add parsnips and milk and bring to a boil. Simmer, uncovered, about 20 minutes or until the parsnips are tender. Drain. In a food processor, purée until smooth with remaining butter. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Honeyed Cranberries

1. In a skillet, caramelize honey for 1 minute. Add cranberries and coat well. Continue cooking until cranberries begin to burst. Set aside.

Turkey

1. In skillet, brown the turkey cutlets on each side in half the butter until the meat is cooked. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside on a warm plate.

2. In same skillet, soften shallot in the remaining butter. Sprinkle with the flour and cook, stirring, until golden brown. Add the broth and sherry and bring to a boil, stirring with a whisk. Reduce by half. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with the parsnip purée, honeyed cranberries and a green vegetable. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED THIS SEPTEMBER!**

Ingredients

Parsnip Purée
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup (57 g) butter
- 1 lb (454 g) parsnips, peeled and sliced
- 1 1/2 cups (375 ml) milk

Honeyed Cranberries
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) honey
- 1 cup fresh or frozen cranberries

Turkey
- 1 1/2 lb (675 g) turkey cutlets
- 1 shallot, chopped
- 2 tbsp (18 g) all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (500 ml) beef broth
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) sherry

Liquid Assets

Complement a busy meal

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Short of using their juice to make a cosmopolitan cocktail, I've never had much love for cranberries.

While cranberry sauce may be a festive season staple, my palate finds its tart, tangy flavour unsettlingly dominant when it shares my holiday plate.

Typically a side dish, Ricardo's recipe this week is piled high with honeyed cranberry goodness, which makes it a perfect partner for a medium-bodied white wine like a Riesling.

As good as that sounds, I still prefer the big bird hitting my table covered in gravy and accompanied by an overabundance of veggies and a heaping helping of mushroom-laden dressing.

I reach for a Pinot Noir when it comes to a wine pairing for such a busy meal. A white wine lover's red, a good Pinot works with both the savoury and sweeter elements of any Christmas dinner.

New Zealand's Oyster Bay 2013 Marlborough Pinot Noir ($19.95 - $21.99) is sustainably produced, with lip-smacking strawberry fruit, round earthy expression and long thick finish.

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Wow guests with minimalism

1. Blood Orange Reduction: In a saucepan, bring the orange juice, wine and honey to a boil. Reduce to about 1/3 cup (75 ml) of liquid. Add the oil and shallot. Season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Ingredients

Blood Orange Reduction
- 1 cup (250 ml) blood orange juice
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) rosé wine
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) honey
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 small shallot, chopped
- Salt and pepper

Fish
- 8 fillets (5 oz/150 g) skinless white fish (walleye, halibut, tilapia, etc.)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 24 sweet peas, blanched
- 4 medium red beets, cooked, peeled, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- Crushed pink peppercorn

2. Fish: In non-stick skillet, sear the fish in the oil on each side and cook until the desired doneness. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside on a warm plate.

3. In the same skillet, heat the sweet peas. Set aside on a warm plate. Warm the beets in the same skillet.

4. Place three beets slices, side by side, on each plate. Layer with the peas and place the fish atop the vegetables. Drizzle with the blood orange reduction and season with crushed pink peppercorn. RICARDO

This recipe makes eight servings. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

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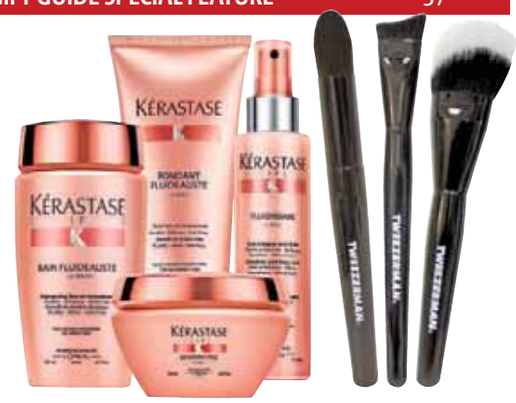
Beauty is in the eye of the holiday shopper



Help your gal get all dolled up. Check out these get-more-gorgeous gifts for her

JANINE FALCON
For Metro

Conair InfinitiPro 3Q Hair Dryer
Quick and quiet, this dryer delivers a super-fast pro-quality dry job with less damage, and lower heat. $129 at Target, target.ca; Walmart, walmart.ca; and major drugstores.

Kerastase Discipline
This at-home regimen supports a salon treatment that cuts down on frizz, blow-dry effort and time. From $40, kerastase.ca.

Fresh Dare to Bare Lip Ritual Set
Kiss dry lips goodbye with lip scrub, conditioning lip serum, balms and moisturizing shine treatment. $53 at Sephora, sephora.com.

NARS Virtual Domination Blush & Bronzer Palette
Four flattering powder blushes plus the popular Laguna bronzer. $75 at Sephora, sephora.com.

Tweezerman Brush iQ Makeup Brushes
These handsome tools feature soft, synthetic bristles made of DuPont filaments. $24 to $85 at tweezerman.ca.

YSL Palette Collector Wild Edition
This covetable palette houses shades for eyes, cheeks and lips. $100 at Hudson's Bay, thebay.com; Sephora, sephora.com; and Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com.

Facial Cleansing Brushes
New facial cleansing systems are gentle on skin and kind to the wallet, too. Clinique, $95 at Hudson's Bay, thebay.com; Philips

PureRadiance, $149.99 at London Drugs, londondrugs.com.

Birchbox Canada
Finally here, this respected e-tailer curates prestige, niche and up-and-coming beauty brands, and introduces them via personalized sample boxes. Three-month subscription, $44.85 flat rate at birchbox.ca.

Crabtree & Evelyn Sensational Six Hand Therapy Musical Tin
Six popular purse-size hand creams in a keepsake tin that plays Sleigh Ride. $35 at Crabtree & Evelyn, crabtree-evelyn.ca.

Shupette Karl Lagerfeld for Shu Uemura
This creamy-powder Silk Cushion Cheek colour playfully spotlights Lagerfeld's pampered kitty, Shupette. $35 at Hudson's Bay, the bay.com; and Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com.

Top, from left: Kerastase Discipline; Tweezerman Brush iQ Makeup Brushes; bottom, Crabtree & Evelyn Sensational Six Hand Therapy Musical Tin.

Correction

The SousVide Supreme was incorrectly identified in last week's gift guide. Metro apologizes for the error.

Well, hello there, handsome man

Grooming gifts. Great skin and hair products for the guy in your life

Foreo Luna for Men
This sonic, waterproof, medical-grade silicone device delivers deep cleansing, skin conditioning, and facial massaging in just one minute. $229 at Murale, murale.ca.

Braun Series 5 Shaver
This electric razor boasts 20 per cent more power than previous editions for more efficient results. From $189 at drug, specialty, and mass retailers.

Kent MG3NSM Military Brush
This hairbrush is made with shine-enhancing natural black bristles set in an oval beechwood base. $30 at menessentials.ca.

Philips Hair Clipper Series 700
This rechargeable unit has titanium blades, adjustable beard/hair combs and is double the speed of its predecessors. From $49.99 at Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca; Walmart, walmart.ca; and Loblaws, loblaws.ca.

Dr. Roebucks Body & Handwash
This niche natural brand features doctor-developed formulas suitable for sensitive skin. $18.95 at Murale, murale.ca.

Skyn Iceland Hydro Cool Firming Face Gels
Dosed with peptides and hydration boosters, these 10-minute-fix transdermal face patches soften forehead furrows and smile brackets. $38.50 for an eight-pack at Shoppers Drug Mart, shoppersdrugmart.com; and Murale, murale.ca.

Hermès Hermessence in Cuir D'Ange
Not your typical scent of smoky leather notes, this eau de toilette evokes "light, supple leather to clothe and shoe a winged god." $260 at Hermès, canada-en.hermes.com.

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Braun Series 5 Shaver

6 shopping days left

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Talk about high performance

Smartphones. These have tons of features to please any tech wiz

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Smartphones are a surefire way to light up a tech lover's eyes this holiday season.

With so many to choose from, the only problem is deciding which one to buy. Here are some of the best performing smartphones and accessories for the techie on your list.

iPhone 6 Plus
$859 and up (no contract)
It's thin, it's light, and is now the largest member of the iPhone family. The extra large 5.7-inch screen gives plenty of real estate to get work done. Apple has upgraded the camera with an improved sensor, resulting in stunning photos, especially in low-light conditions. The addition of NFC ensures you will be able to use Apple's new mobile payment system, Apple Pay, when it launches in Canada.

Samsung Galaxy Alpha
$699.95 (no contract)
It's the perfect smartphone for those who are fashion forward. This sleek, bold phone is less than 7 mm thick, making it one of the thinnest phones released by Samsung. The Alpha can sense when the battery is getting low and will turn off non-essential functions to conserve power.

LG G3
$599.99 (no contract)
The first smartphone in Canada to have a screen with four times the resolution of HD displays. The LG G3 features a customizable on-screen keyboard to help you type faster, plus a camera that uses a laser to focus in the blink of an eye. Those concerned about privacy will enjoy Knock Code, which lets users secure their device by tapping an invisible pattern on screen.

Sony Xperia Z3
$699.95 (no contract)
A smartphone for those who love photography. This waterproof and dust-resistant Android smartphone stands out from the crowd with its 20.7 MP camera and ability to shoot 4K video. On top of that, gamers who own a Playstation 4 can use the phone to take their gaming to another room with the PS Remote Play feature.

Nexus 6
$749 and up (no contract)
Looking for a powerful smartphone with a super-sized screen? The Nexus 6 features a six-inch display and will be the first smartphone in Canada to run Android 5.0 Lollipop. Dual front-facing speakers create immersive sound, plus you can get six hours of use from only 15 minutes of charging.

V-Moda Vamp Verza
$598
Not happy with the quality of music on your smartphone? This unique case not only powers your device with its built-in battery, it also converts your music files into analog for a pure listening experience.

Olloclip 4-in-1 lens
$69.99 and up
Cameras on smartphones are wonderful, but their fixed lenses create limitations. The Olloclip allows you to get creative with your photos by adding fisheye, macro and wide-angles lenses.

Blackberry Passport
$750 (no contract)
It may look a little odd, but for those who prefer a physical keyboard on their smartphone, there's no better choice. The 4.5-inch touchscreen shows more characters per line than any other smartphone to make reading easier. The keyboard is also touch enabled, so a simple swipe across the keys can scroll web pages and more.

Bottom to top: Sony Xperia Z3, $699.95; *LG G3, $599.99;* V-Moda Vamp Verza, $598; *iPhone 6 Plus, $859 and up; Olloclip lens, $69.99 and up.*

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Make scents for the holidays

Perfume and cologne. Top picks for 2014 holiday gift giving

MICHELLE WILLIAMS
For Metro

The gift of fragrance is the perfect choice for the holiday season. It's intensely personal — "every time you wear a scent, you're reminded of the person who gave it to you," said Lee-Ann Hodgekins, theperfumeexpert.com founder.

"Scent is also one of the strongest links to memory, reminding us of special moments and fond times."

SEASONAL

If choosing a fragrance gift for that special someone this holiday season seems daunting, consider this one simple tip: Use the hints of the season and environment around you. "Think about the fiery colours of the harvest, the crisp cool air, the dry woods and roaring fires," Hodgekins said.

"Also, think about the typical foods at this time of year: Dark berries, festive citrus, smooth caramels, toasted nuts, warming spices, and sweet intoxicating elixirs."

Here are some top trends and favourite fragrances for this holiday season:

Rose is always popular — this year's rose scents are deeper and richer. "Combined with deep woods, smoky nuances and decadent delights, these rose fragrances are ultra-alluring and perfect for those who love traditional scents, but also appreciate the more sexy and mysterious notes of perfume," Hodgekins said.

Lee-Ann's picks:

- **Aerin Lauder's Evening Rose:** Combined with dark berries and smoky incense, this rose scent is the perfect romantic fragrance for winter, $125.
- **The Body Shop's White Musk Smoky Rose** is a new twist on classic rose with hints of dry tobacco and comforting musk, $17-25.
- **Chanel's Egoïste (for men):** Rich rose paired with masculine notes of peppery spices and dry woods, $103.
- **Paco Rabanne's 1 million (for men):** Romantic rose with spicy cinnamon, vibrant orange, rich leather, and deep woods, $66-$88.

FRUITY

Fruit for winter — dark, lush fruits prevail over citrus and tropical scents of summer. "Notes of dark cherries, blackberries or plums are great for those who don't like heady florals or prefer more natural and earthy scents," Hodgekins said.

Lee-Ann's picks:

- **Coco Figue by Comptoir Sud Pacifique:** A scrumptious mix of sweet fig, smooth vanilla and almond, $44.
- **Vera Wang's Be Jeweled Rouge:** Juicy winter berries combined with nutty pralines, backed by comforting musk and woods, $49.
- **Victoria Secret's Victoria:** Features two of this season's trends: Rose and ripe berries, $52-$68.
- **Ralph Lauren Polo Red (for men):** Festive cranberry mixed with warm amber, sweet saffron and rich coffee extract, $78.

ORIENTAL

Bold and powerful, it's the trend for those who don't mind being the centre of attention. "This year, they're much more opulent and at times risqué, featuring the traditional incense, amber and spices, and turning it up a notch with pungent oudwood, sweet saffron, hot chili, and other herbs and spices from far off lands," Hodgekins said.

Lee-Ann's picks:

- **Guerlain's Shalimar:** A legendary mixture of vibrant citrus, rose, incense and sweet vanilla, $90-$114.
- **Tom Ford's Black Orchid:** New and unique, with sharp green patchouli and bitter dark chocolate, $83-$122.
- **L'Occitane's Ambre and Santal:** Glowing amber and Earth sandalwood with smooth vanilla, rich rose, and fragrant herbs, $75.
- **Viktor & Rolf's Spicebomb (for men):** An explosive mix of hot chili pepper, sweet saffron, glowing balsams, leather, and tobacco, $45-$135.

SPIRITED

The season's most interesting trend — spirits like sweet rum, smooth whisky or gin are delicately combined with smoky tobaccos, glowing ambers and other decadent delights. "They're perfect for those who gravitate to more mature and sophisticated scents while also liking to try new things," Hodgekins said.

Lee-Ann's picks:

- **Carolina Herrera's 212 VIP:** Intoxicating combination of sweet rum, vanilla, and passion fruit, $68.
- **Tom Ford's Tobacco Oud (for men):** Earthy oud wood is mixed with bold tobacco, warm spices, and smoky whisky, $235.
- **Bath & Body Works' Mahogany Woods:** Rich woods and vibrant orange layered with sweet cognac and smooth bourbon vanilla, $29.

From left to right: Chanel's Egoïste, $103; Aerin Lauder's Evening Rose, $125; Coco Figue by Comptoir Sud Pacifique, $44; Vera Wang's Be Jeweled, $49; *Ralph Lauren's Polo Red, $78.*

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CFL

Reports: Lions to name Tedford their new coach

Jeff Tedford has agreed to become the new head coach of the B.C. Lions, with an official announcement coming Friday, according to multiple reports in the U.S.

The Lions had not made an official announcement prior to Thursday's deadline. Metro was told a deal had yet to be signed at that time.

Tedford is the former offensive co-ordinator of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers and head coach of the California Golden Bears in U.S. college football.

Tedford does have CFL experience as a player — he was a quarterback for four different teams before serving as an offensive assistant for the Calgary Stampeders from 1989-91.

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NFL

Seahawks lock up LB Wright

The conversations started in the spring and as much as K.J. Wright wanted to believe the Seattle Seahawks legitimately wanted to keep him around long-term, the fact the season started and weeks ticked by without a contract extension began weighing on the linebacker.

The stress and worry about his future was alleviated on Thursday after Wright signed a four-year extension worth up to $27 million with the Seahawks, keeping one of Seattle's key defensive players from reaching free agency.

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Canucks aim to bump the slump

NHL. Vancouver's NHL team has suffered five straight losses

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The Stars' Cody Eakin checks the Canucks' Henrik Sedin to the ice at Rogers Arena on Wednesday night.
DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

When the week started, the topic of conversation surrounding the Vancouver Canucks was all about defending better, especially after that blowout loss to the New York Rangers.

It's shifted to the complete opposite end of the spectrum. The concern now: Scoring.

A shutout loss to the worst defensive team in the National Hockey League — the Dallas Stars — and two goals combined over the last three games will do that.

The Canucks have fallen on hard times offensively.

Once praised for their surprising secondary scoring, with all four lines chipping in, the team is looking for something, anything to bust this recent slump.

On Thursday, head coach Willie Desjardins shuffled up his lines.

Alex Burrows was on the wing with Derek Dorsett and rookie Bo Horvat. The fourth lines, perhaps?

Jannik Hansen skated on the right wing with Nick Bonino and Chris Higgins.

"Just looking for some goals. I'm looking for something different," said Desjardins.

The coach added that he and his staff have discussed putting Burrows with Daniel and Henrik Sedin but have opted to keep Radim Vrbata on that top line.

Alex Burrows
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Jannik Hansen
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The list of players currently in slumps is a long one.

The power play has gone six games without capitalizing, and its mired in an 0-for-18 slump. This area of their game can't go cold for much longer.

"We need something. We need something off the power play, too," said Desjardins.

A good portion of Vancouver's practice revolved around the old adage of getting shots through to the net, trying to get deflections or rebounds.

It's basic, but it's been missing from Vancouver's game.

"When you're not scoring, that's the first area you go to," said Hansen. "Getting some ugly ones off your shin pads, your pants, whatever you can get."

This five-game losing skid has dropped the Canucks to fifth in the Western Conference, as of Thursday afternoon. They'll host the Calgary Flames, losers of six straight, on Saturday.

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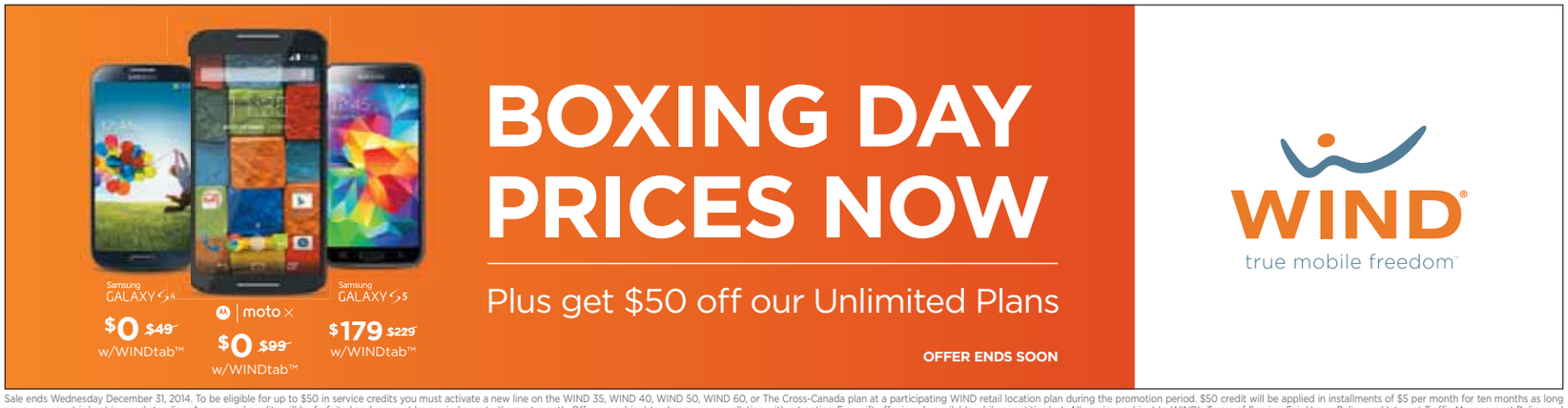

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Qatar 2022: Work still far from fair

43 to a room. Drivers crammed like sardines, critics warn of a 'two-tiered' labour system

Khalifa Stadium in Doha under renovation for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.
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Men are crammed together, dozens to a room, on bunk beds so close they can reach over and shake hands.

Qatar, on paper at least, has rules that forbid such uncomfortable conditions, yet this is how the government-owned transport company, which the Gulf nation will use to ferry visitors around the 2022 World Cup, has housed some workers.

As Qatar employs legions of migrants to build stadiums and other works for the football showcase, widespread labour abuses documented by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and other critics have blackened its name and $160-billion preparations.

The Associated Press found problems aren't limited to the construction sector.

In one dormitory block of Mowasalat, the transporter that plans to have 7,000 taxis on the roads by the World Cup, the AP saw two dozen bunk beds in three tight lines. Drivers said they had lived like this for months. Yet a 2005 ministerial decree said workers should not be housed more than four to a room or made to sleep in bunks.

However, to critics, singling out World Cup workers for better treatment smacks of double standards.

They want deeper, across-the-board reforms for all.

"Putting in place a two-tier labour system, which is what they are talking about, is not much of a legacy," said Nicholas McGeehan, a Middle East researcher for Human Rights Watch. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World juniors

Sens lend Lazar to Team Canada

Curtis Lazar is leaving the Ottawa Senators to play for Canada at the world junior championship, a decision those involved consider a "win-win."

Canada gets a top-six forward and the Senators hope to benefit down the road.

"He's going to play a more prominent role," Senators coach Dave Cameron said. "With us, he's in the bottom six, playing a safe role. There, he's going to be a go-to guy."
THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Celtics trade Rondo to Mavs

The Boston Celtics traded point guard Rajon Rondo to Dallas on Thursday, as well as forward Dwight Powell for Jameer Nelson, Jae Crowder, Brandan Wright and two draft picks — a first-rounder in next year's draft and a second-rounder in 2016. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

After the holiday season, recycle your live, cut Christmas tree. Remove all the decorations and tinsel from the tree and use one of the following options:

Lions Club Chipping Events:

Saturday, January 3 and Sunday, January 4, between 10 am - 4 pm at these locations:

- **Kerrisdale Community Ice Rink parking lot** 5670 East Boulevard north of 41st Avenue
- **Kitsilano Beach parking lot** Cornwall Avenue and Arbutus Street
- **Sunset Beach upper parking lot** Beach Avenue and Broughton Street
- **Rona Home & Garden Grandview Store** 2727 East 12th Avenue – overflow parking lot north of Grandview Highway, south of 12th Avenue

Donations of cash and non-perishable food items will be accepted and distributed to local charities.

Residential Collection:

You may set out your live cut Christmas tree before 7 am on your Green Bin collection day until January 31. Trees should be set out on their own, 1 metre clear of your Green Bin(s) and laid on their sides. Do not place your tree inside your bin or bag or bundle it.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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March 21 - April 20
In trying to find a solution to one problem, don't create several more. If you are not certain you know what you are doing, wait until Monday's new moon gives you a pointer.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You will help those who need it today but there is a danger that you will rescue someone who will expect you to help them every time they get in trouble.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will be torn between conflicting duties today and whichever one you choose to prioritize someone is not going to like it. Forget everyone else and put your own needs first.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will be impulsive today and if you make it through to the weekend without emotional drama you will be very lucky.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone in a position of authority will demand that you do things you don't want to do. Go along with what they want but start making plans to put some distance between you.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Someone will get on your nerves today and if you make it through to the weekend without losing your cool you will have done very well. They don't really mean to irk you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you go after your target too directly or too forcefully today you may find it eludes you. You've got to bide your time and wait for the right moment.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A loved one will demand you spend more time with them today. This is one of those occasions when if you're nice to them now they will be even nicer to you later.

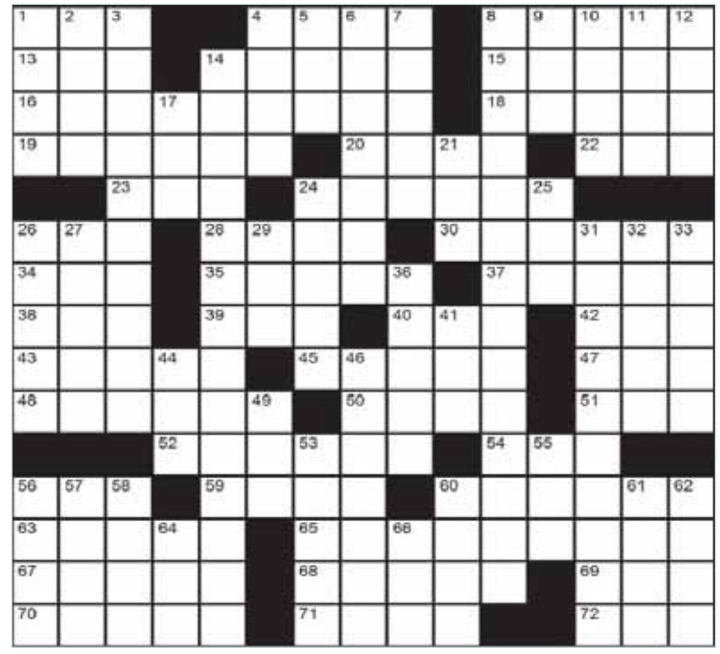
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Friends may not be as supportive as you would like them to be but don't let that stop you from pursuing your goals. You don't need anyone to endorse your ambition.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may think that certain people have got it in for you but more likely it's your imagination. According to the planets you have nothing at all to fear.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If someone you have feelings for spends more time with others than with you today, don't get uptight. Maybe they are trying to make you jealous.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You can use your power to force someone to do your bidding today, or you can use your charm to persuade them to cooperate. The latter will be less problematic.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



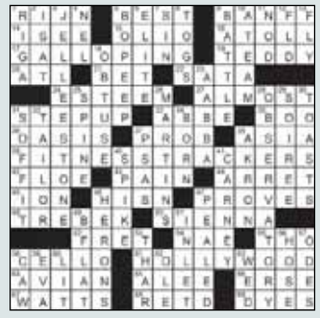
Across

1. Clever
4. Dogs: "Gimme yer..." offerings
8. Become energized: 2 wds.
13. UK toilet
14. Everly Brothers: "Wake Up Little __"
15. Employee's request
16. Yukon/Alaska river; or, Quilly creature
18. CC-138 Twin __ (RCAF search and rescue aircraft)
19. Half-a-cardigan garments
20. R's followers
22. Sleeve
23. Tchaikovsky's 1892 ballet at #31-Down is based on the 1816 tale of this German author, _._._. Hoffmann (b.1776 - d.1822)
24. A-bomb's 'A'
26. "__ voyage!"
28. James __ (Co-writer of Broadway musical Hair)
30. Pineapple: French
34. Approx.
35. Led Zeppelin's Robert
37. Brutal
38. Illinois city, briefly
39. Dr. Melissa __ (Medical Expert on CBC's "Steven and Chris")
40. Parisian pal
42. Literary monogram
43. Canadian actor Mr. Reeves
45. __ diving
47. Crime fighter
48. Rita Hayworth's 1953 title biblical role
50. German-built car
51. __. card (Grades-lister)
52. Blazing
54. Renaissance painter, __ Angelico
56. Hawaiian fish
59. NBA's 'A', briefly
60. Pants
63. Hawaiian island
65. Slick-spilling ship: 2 wds.
67. Awakened
68. E-Mail: Multiple-people-sending
69. Toronto summer hrs.
70. Tale
71. Idol alum Ms. Clarkson, et al.
72. Cape Town's home [acronym]

Down

1. The __ (Famous mountains)
2. Winnie-the-What?
3. Relentless, as rain
4. Bitty Beagles
5. "___ recall..."
6. Sir __ Churchill Square, in downtown Edmonton
7. Tend: 2 wds.
8. Quebec's is known as the 'Fleur-de-lis': 2 wds.
9. Feed
10. Pocket bread
11. Conniver
12. Curls-from-a-box
14. Character in #31-Down: 3 wds.
17. Snip
21. Ethan's ex
24. Singer/songwriter Bryan born in Kingston, ON
25. Driver's need
26. Posh Spice's soccer star hubby David ...his nickname
27. "Romeo and Juliet" (1968) actor Milo
29. Pub serving
31. As per #23-Across... The __ (It's currently being performed by The National Ballet of Canada)
32. Ancient fables guy
33. Snoozed
36. Neutral tone
41. British honour [acronym]
44. Cacharel perfume
46. Decorative moulding
49. Chicago trains
53. "Put _ __ in it!"
55. Sprinted
56. Regrettably
57. Have, archaically
58. Get __ shape (New Year's resolution)
60. Picking-up-passengers places, puny-ly
61. Canvas sneakers brand
62. Mlle. cousin
64. Broadcast
66. Small, shortly

Yesterday's Crossword



Online

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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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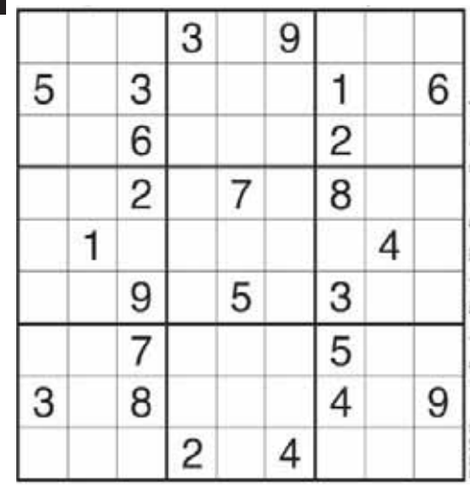
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



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Yesterday's Sudoku

3	4	1	9	5	7	2	8	6
8	7	5	2	6	1	4	9	3
6	2	9	8	3	4	1	7	5
1	6	3	4	8	2	7	5	9
5	9	4	7	1	3	8	6	2
7	8	2	6	9	5	3	4	1
4	1	6	3	7	9	5	2	8
2	5	8	1	4	6	9	3	7
9	3	7	5	2	8	6	1	4

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